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Planning for a vaccine

Health officials readying for mass vaccinations once COVID-19 vaccine is available

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

Mass vaccination is the bread and butter of local health.

NICKI BRITTEN
Berrien County Health Department health officer

The question of when a COVID-19 vaccine will be ready is still up in the air, but local, state and now federal health officials are preparing with mass vaccination plans once it is.

"Mass vaccination is the bread and butter of local health. We did it in a large scale with H1N1 and in very small dry runs every year with the influenza vaccine," said Nicki Britten, the Berrien County Health Department's (BCHD) health officer at a recent Board of Health meeting.

The BCHD started dusting off its mass vaccination plan in March and is working each day to prepare for when a COVID-19 vaccine is available.

Currently, that's estimated to be late this year or early 2021, and not widely available until next fall, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) director told Congress last week.

The CDC's Vaccination Program Interim Playbook, released last week, states that early in the COVID-19 Vaccination Program there may be a limited supply of COVID-19 vaccine. The first vaccination efforts may focus on those critical to the response, providing direct care, and maintaining societal function, as well as those at highest risk for developing severe illness from COVID-19.

Gillian Conrad, spokesperson for the BCHD, said it's almost certain that the first to be vaccinated would be health care workers, doctors, nurses, first responders and anyone having a lot of interaction with people who could have it.

The next tier of those vaccinated would be the higher risk and vulnerable populations, like those over the age of 65.

"We also hope that might include people of color in our community. As we know, this virus has impacted them disproportionately," Conrad said.

She said the federal vaccination program, along with the state's, will be helpful for guidance.

"From our perspective at the local health department, we're the ones that when it comes to it, will actually be pushing needles into people's arms," Conrad said. "What we're really keen on having is that coordinated plan across the federal government and state."

Lynn Sutfin, public information officer for the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), said in an email that the department's Division of Immunization has been working with several partners to develop the distribution plan of COVID-19 vaccine.

"Planning of initial roll-out is expected to be a small allocation per CDC, specific to the highest priority group. Then as additional vaccine becomes available, more partners will be included in the distribution and more groups will be included in the vaccination process," she said.

Sutfin said plans are in the works to include agencies and groups it's already working with for COVID-19 testing sites to be vaccination sites once the priority levels and vaccine supply are known.

In addition, the Division of Immunization is preparing to enroll providers as necessary to receive and store the vaccine once it arrives.

Conrad said the health department would partner with churches, schools, nonprofits and other community groups to set up clinics at convenient locations and times for as many people as possible.

Other partners would include private practice physicians, hospitals and pharmacies.

"So it's not just the responsibility of the local health department, but together we would have the goal of getting as many people immunized as possible," Conrad said.

The last time the country had to mobilize mass vaccinations was against H1N1, or the Swine Flu.

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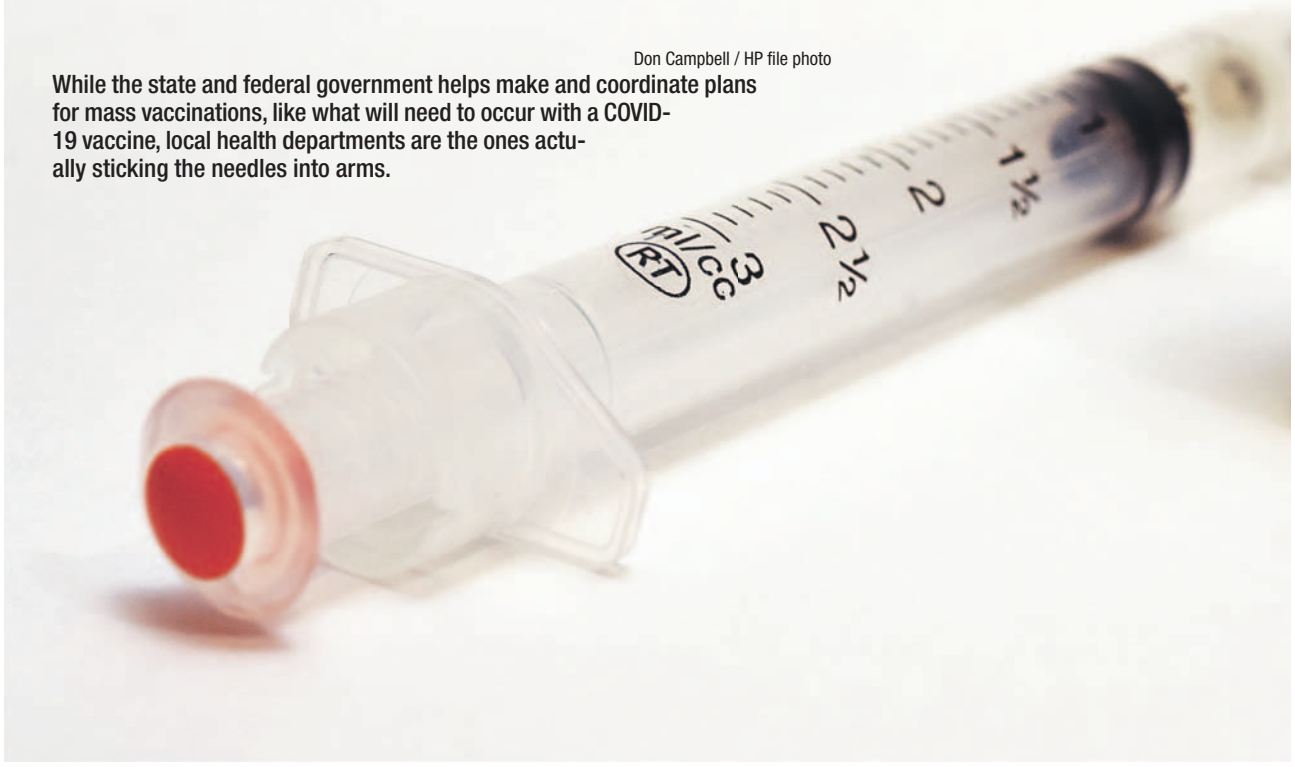
While the state and federal government helps make and coordinate plans for mass vaccinations, like what will need to occur with a COVID-19 vaccine, local health departments are the ones actually sticking the needles into arms.



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Public health nurse Allison Duffield-Harper checks on doses of the influenza vaccine Friday at the Berrien County Health Department. Health officials are encouraging everyone to get their flu vaccination as the world waits for a COVID-19 vaccine.

Flu shot critical to protecting area during pandemic

Various drive-thru clinics scheduled, Flu Shot Fridays return to health department

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

Area health officials reiterated this week the importance of getting a flu shot this season to reduce the amount of respiratory illness circulating during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Residents of Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties have many opportunities to receive a flu shot with various drive-thru clinics scheduled.

In addition, the Berrien County Health Department (BCHD) is bringing back its Flu Shot Fridays from Oct. 2 to Nov. 20 at both its Benton Township and Niles offices.

The BCHD, the Van Buren Cass District Health Department and Spectrum Health Lakeland announced the events this week.

Health officials are warning that getting a flu shot will also help the community fight COVID-19.

"Preventing the spread of influenza in our community will further reduce symptoms that could be confused with those of COVID-19," Loren Hamel, president of Spectrum Health Lakeland, said in a news release. "Community flu vaccination reduces outpatient illnesses, hospitalizations, and intensive care unit admissions, while helping to protect our frontline workers and local health care system as we

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Drive-thru flu shot clinic schedule

Watervliet: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 30, Lakeland Watervliet Hospital main entrance, 400 Medical Park Drive

Niles: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 7, Medical Office Building west side of building, 48 N. St. Joseph Ave.

Mattawan: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 13, Antwerp Township Hall, 24821 Front Ave.

St. Joseph: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 14, Cedarwood Medical Center, 820 Lester Ave.

Cassopolis: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 16, Cass County Council on Aging, 60525 Decatur Road

Hartford: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 20, Van Buren Cass District Health Department, 67418 County Road 681

Dowagiac: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 24, Southwestern Michigan College, 58900 Cherry Grove Road

Paw Paw: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 27, Human Services East Building, 801 Hazen St.

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Berrien County in critical need of 911 dispatchers

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Berrien County's 911 Dispatch Center is looking for a few good men and women to fill what is becoming a critical shortage of public safety dispatchers.

Caitlin Sampsell, director of the center, said it's a hard job that's very rewarding – if you can handle it.

"This job is really difficult and it's not something that everybody is cut out for," she said.

Sampsell said dispatchers often handle calls on the worst day of a person's life.

"They're taking calls of babies not breathing or people in traumatic situations, physically or emotionally, such as domestic violence," she said. "... There's a lot of grief involved. The type of calls that we handle is very challenging ... and emotionally taxing. You have to be very resilient."

But it's also very gratifying.

"You have the satisfaction of knowing that you're making a difference every day," she said.

The dispatch center has six vacancies, meaning that the quality assurance supervisor is having to work some call shifts.

"We're in an extremely challenging position right now with staffing," Sampsell said.

The link for all of the county's job postings can be found at www.berriencounty.org/581/Employment. Public Safety Dispatcher can be found under "Public Safety Communications Center."

Sampsell said that no experience is required because new hires go through five to six months of on-the-job training before they are allowed to take calls on their own. Applicants need to be able to type at least 35 words per minute and have a GED or high school diploma.

She said the job entails quick thinking as dispatchers coordinate getting the necessary help to the person having an emergency. Another benefit is job security because there is always going to be a need for public safety dispatchers, she said.

Sampsell said she started working at the dispatch center in 2009 and soon discovered that it was her calling. She later moved into the role of assistant director and took

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Whitmer approves theaters, bigger crowds

Masks required in K-5

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said Friday that movie theaters and other venues can reopen in two weeks after nearly seven months of closure during the coronavirus pandemic, and she lifted a cap so more people can attend funerals and other indoor events.

The governor also issued an order requiring K-5 students – not just those in grades 6-12 – to wear masks in classrooms outside of northern Michigan beginning Oct. 5. She mandated that public and private schools publish information about confirmed or probable COVID-19 cases. She had previously strongly recommended face coverings for K-5 students in most regions of the state.

Indoor cinemas, performance venues, arcades, bingo halls, bowling

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Judge says 2020 census must continue for another month

By MIKE SCHNEIDER
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — A federal judge has stopped the 2020 census from finishing at month's end and suspended a year-end deadline for delivering the numbers needed to decide how many seats each state gets in Congress.

The preliminary injunction granted by U.S. District Judge Lucy Koh in California late Thursday allows the once-a-decade head count of every U.S. resident to continue through the end of October.

Koh said the shortened schedule ordered by President Donald Trump's administration likely would produce inaccurate results that would last a decade.

The judge sided with civil rights groups and local governments that sued the U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Department of Commerce, which oversees the statistical agency, arguing that minorities and others in hard-to-count communities would be missed if the counting ends this month.

In granting the preliminary injunction, the judge said the plaintiffs were likely to succeed at a trial. Despite concerns raised by top Census Bureau officials about the shortened schedule, the Trump administration failed to consider its duty to produce an accurate head count and neglected to adequately explain a reason for it, she said.

Koh said inaccuracies produced from a shortened schedule would affect the distribution of federal funding and political representation over the next 10 years. The census is used to determine how $1.5 trillion in federal spending is distributed each year and how many congressional seats each state gets.

Before the coronavirus pandemic hit in March, around the same time the census started for most U.S. residents, the bureau had planned to complete the 2020 census by the end of July.

In April, in response to the pandemic, it extended the deadline to the end of October. Then, in late July or early August, the deadline changed once again to the end of September after the Republican-controlled Senate failed to take up a request from the Census Bureau to extend the Dec. 31 deadline for turning over the numbers used for deciding how many congressional seats each state gets.

Attorneys for the Census Bureau had argued that the census must finish by the end of September to meet the Dec. 31 deadline and have enough time for crunching the numbers used for deciding how many congressional seats each state gets, in a process known as apportionment. But Koh said that argument "runs counter to the facts."

"Those facts show not only that the Bureau could not meet the statutory deadline, but also that the Bureau had received pressure from the Commerce Department to cease seeking an extension of the deadline," she wrote.

Family demands release of evidence in Breonna Taylor's case

By CLAIRE GALOFARO, PIPER HUDSPETH BLACKBURN and ANGIE WANG
Associated Press

Darron Cummings / AP

Black Lives Matter protesters march on Friday in Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Breonna Taylor's family demanded Friday that Kentucky authorities release all body camera footage, police files and the transcripts of the grand jury proceedings that led to no charges being brought against police officers who killed the Black woman during a raid at her apartment.

The decision disappointed and angered those who have been calling for justice for Taylor for six months, and protesters vowed to stay in the streets until all the officers involved are fired or someone is charged with her killing.

A diverse group, including Taylor's mother, marched through Louisville on Friday evening. The protests have been peaceful, though at one point, police in riot gear fired flash bang devices to turn back those streaming through a street. Two were arrested.

Earlier, Taylor's lawyers and family expressed dismay that no one has been held accountable for her death.

"I am an angry Black woman. I am not angry for the reasons that you would like me to be. But angry because our Black women keep dying at the hands of police officers – and Black men," Taylor's mother, Tamika Palmer, wrote in a statement read by a relative. She stood close by wearing a shirt that said, "I (heart) Louisville Police" with bullet holes in the heart emoji.

In her statement, Palmer said the criminal justice system had failed her, and state Attorney General Daniel Cameron was just the final person in the chain, following the officer who sought a no-knock warrant as part of a drug investigation, the judge who signed it and police who burst into Taylor's apartment. The warrant was connected to a suspect who did not live there, and no drugs were found inside.

Taylor was shot multiple times by white officers after her boyfriend fired at them, authorities said. He said he didn't know who was coming in and fired in self-defense, wounding one officer. Cameron, the state's first Black attorney general, said the officers were not charged with Taylor's killing because they acted to protect themselves.

The grand jury indicted one officer on endangerment charges, saying he fired gunshots into a neighboring home that didn't strike anyone. He has been fired.

"I hope you never know the pain of your child being murdered 191 days in a row," said Bianca Austin, who wore her niece's emergency medical technician jacket as she read Palmer's statement.

Family attorney Sam Aguiar said that since Cameron is done investigating, all the videos should be released, noting that he has seen dozens, most of which are not public.

Cameron "got so much wrong. We've seen so much piecemeal stuff come out throughout the case," he said without giving specifics.

Gov. Andy Beshear, a Democrat, has also called on the Republican attorney general to release what evidence he can.

Cameron said through a spokeswoman that he understood the family's pain.

"Everyone is entitled to their opinion, but prosecutors and Grand Jury members are bound by the facts and by the law," spokeswoman Elizabeth Kuhn said in a statement.

As Taylor's family decried how the case was handled, a man accused of shooting and wounding two officers during protests Wednesday appeared in court. The officers were expected to recover.

A not-guilty plea was entered for Larynzo D. Johnson, 26, and bond was set at $1 million. Attorney Zac Meihaus called the streets "a war zone" when the shooting happened and said it is difficult to "pinpoint" if Johnson fired the shots in question. A prosecutor replied that a gun was recovered from Johnson, and there are video and witness accounts of the shooting.

Taylor's case has become a rallying cry for protesters nationwide who are calling out racism and demanding police reforms.

Protesters marched through Louisville with a purple banner bearing Taylor's name Friday. They danced and chanted, "Bow for Breonna." Some handed out pizza or water, while others tried to register voters.

Juanita Baker, an attorney for Taylor's family, said she hopes the size and diversity of the crowd sends a message to political leaders.

"Solidarity is needed, there is power in numbers," she said. "These are the people voting you in or out of office, or who will one day run against you. You better take note."

One protester, Victoria Gunther, was so outraged she traveled more than 600 miles from Reading, Pennsylvania, to take to the streets in Louisville.

"I'm a Black woman – that could have been me, that would have been my family," she said. "We are disrespected and disregarded. They think we don't matter. That's why I'm here, to say we do matter."

The police presence was light until protesters neared the city's East Market section, a few blocks from the banks of the Ohio River. About a dozen police cruisers were parked under a highway overpass, and officers with clubs and face shields formed a semi-circle blocking protesters' path.

Police told people to move to the sidewalk. Officers deployed two flash bang rounds into the air, and the crowd moved away, police said in a statement. After that, and past the nighttime curfew, people gathered at the square and then a church, where officers weren't seen.

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Michigan
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9-1-7
Midday Daily 4
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Daily 3
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Daily 4
6-2-6-4
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08-14-19-23-28
Keno
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Thursday drawings

Indiana
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07-22-35-38-45
Cash4Life
18-20-43-45-60, Cash Ball: 2
Quick Draw Midday
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7-5-3, SB: 2
Daily Three-Evening
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4-1-3-0, SB: 2
Quick Draw Evening
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LuckyDay Lotto Midday
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Estimated jackpot
$400,000
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Pick Three-Evening
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LEGISLATIVE ROLL CALL

Senate Bill 757, Permit early counting of absentee ballots: Passed 35 to 2 in the Senate
To permit clerks in larger communities (above 25,000) to begin opening and processing absentee ballots the day before an election, under rules prescribed by the bill.

21	Sen. Kim LaSata	R – Bainbridge Township	Y
26	Sen. Aric Nesbitt	R – Lawton	Y

House Bill 4982, Authorize marijuana offense expungements and more: Passed 35 to 2 in the Senate
To allow a person to petition to have a past marijuana offense that would be legal under current law expunged from his or her record, and require courts to grant it. This is part of bill package now on its way to the governor that expands and eases the criteria for getting less serious crimes removed from an individual's record.

21	Sen. Kim LaSata	R – Bainbridge Township	Y
26	Sen. Aric Nesbitt	R – Lawton	Y

House Bill 5396, State budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year: Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate
To approve a state government budget for the fiscal year that begins on Oct. 1, 2020 (the education budget is in Senate Bill 927). This bill authorizes $42.109 billion in total (non-education) spending, of which $21.336 billion comes from state taxpayers, and $20.773 from federal taxpayers (and lenders).
Altogether, the two "omnibus" spending bills authorize $61.565 billion in total spending for the coming fiscal year. This is an increase from $57.784 billion in fiscal year 2018-19, before the coronavirus epidemic.

21	Sen. Kim LaSata	R – Bainbridge Township	Y
26	Sen. Aric Nesbitt	R – Lawton	Y

House Bill 5396, State budget for 2020-2021 fiscal year: Passed 101 to 4 in the House
The House vote on the bill described above.

59	Rep. Aaron Miller	R – Sturgis	Y
66	Rep. Beth Griffin	R – Mattawan	Y
78	Rep. Brad Paquette	R – Niles	N
79	Rep. Pauline Wendzel	R – Bainbridge Township	Y
80	Rep. Mary Whiteford	R – Casco Township	Y

Senate Bill 927, State education budget for 2020-2021: Passed 36 to 1 in the Senate
To approve a state education budget for the fiscal year that begins on Oct. 1, 2020. This authorizes spending a total of $17.651 billion, of which $15.718 billion comes from state taxpayers, and $1.933 from the federal government. Public schools would get $15.525 billion, state universities $1.700 billion, and community colleges $426 million.

21	Sen. Kim LaSata	R – Bainbridge Township	Y
26	Sen. Aric Nesbitt	R – Lawton	Y

Senate Bill 927, State Education Budget for 2020-2021: Passed 103 to 2 in the House
The House vote on the bill described above.

59	Rep. Aaron Miller	R – Sturgis	Y
66	Rep. Beth Griffin	R – Mattawan	Y
78	Rep. Brad Paquette	R – Niles	Y
79	Rep. Pauline Wendzel	R – Bainbridge Township	Y
80	Rep. Mary Whiteford	R – Casco Township	Y

House Bill 5854, Repeal minimum sentences in various laws: Passed 106 to 0 in the House
To repeal a mandatory five-day sentence for driving drunk or drugged, and to allow "specialty" courts that can mandate various treatment options to manage subsequent offenses rather than ordering mandatory jail time. This is part of a legislative package that repeals mandatory minimum sentences in other laws, and part a larger sentencing reform project aimed at not incarcerating individuals for petty or less serious crimes.

59	Rep. Aaron Miller	R – Sturgis	Y
66	Rep. Beth Griffin	R – Mattawan	Y
78	Rep. Brad Paquette	R – Niles	Y
79	Rep. Pauline Wendzel	R – Bainbridge Township	Y
80	Rep. Mary Whiteford	R – Casco Township	Y

Senate Bill 385, Repeal ticket scalping ban, restrict ticket resale websites: Passed 91 to 14 in the House
To repeal a state law that bans ticket "scalping" at sports and entertainment events, and prohibit the sale or use of software primarily designed to interfere with an event sponsor's internet ticket sale operation, or with a website that is designed to ensure an equitable ticket allocation process.

59	Rep. Aaron Miller	R – Sturgis	Y
66	Rep. Beth Griffin	R – Mattawan	Y
78	Rep. Brad Paquette	R – Niles	Y
79	Rep. Pauline Wendzel	R – Bainbridge Township	Y
80	Rep. Mary Whiteford	R – Casco Township	Y

House Bill 6032, Coronavirus response bills – employee lawsuits: Passed 83 to 23 in the House
To authorize employee lawsuits against an employer who takes an "adverse employment action" or "retaliates" against a worker who is absent during the declared coronavirus epidemic emergency because the individual is "self-isolating or self-quarantining" in response to an elevated risk or diagnosis. Also, to require employees who test positive for the disease or have symptoms to self-quarantine and not go to work, as specified in the bill.

59	Rep. Aaron Miller	R – Sturgis	Y
66	Rep. Beth Griffin	R – Mattawan	Y
78	Rep. Brad Paquette	R – Niles	Y
79	Rep. Pauline Wendzel	R – Bainbridge Township	Y
80	Rep. Mary Whiteford	R – Casco Township	Y

House Bill 6030, Coronavirus liability exemptions for business and facilities: Passed 57 to 49 in the House
To establish that a business, facility owner and others are not liable for a claim that arises from exposure of an individual to COVID-19 on the premises unless it was a deliberate act intended to cause harm, and as long as the facility was operated in compliance with federal and state laws, regulations, executive orders, etc. This would also apply to any person in the distribution chain of personal protective equipment, medical devices, drugs and more used to treat or prevent the spread of COVID-19.

59	Rep. Aaron Miller	R – Sturgis	Y
66	Rep. Beth Griffin	R – Mattawan	Y
78	Rep. Brad Paquette	R – Niles	Y
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Four area schools get national recognition

Bridgman Public Schools gets two awards among 15 in state

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BRIDGMAN — Four Southwest Michigan schools were named National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2020.

Among the 15 schools in Michigan to be named to the list were Bridgman Elementary School, Bridgman High School, Edwardsburg Intermediate School and New Buffalo Elementary School.

The recognition is based on a school's overall academic performance or progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups.

Bridgman Superintendent Shane Peters said they've known about the honor for about a year, but had to wait to celebrate the news because it was embargoed by the U.S. Department of Education.

"We're just extremely proud of our teachers and our students for all of the hard work they continue to display in our schools," Peters said. "We're fortunate enough that Bridgman has two of the 15 schools in the state of Michigan."

The National Blue Ribbon Schools award affirms the hard work of educators, families and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging and engaging content.

Now in its 38th year, the National Blue Ribbon Schools program has bestowed almost 10,000 awards to more than 9,000 schools. Schools are eligible for nomination again after five years.

While schools were able to break the news by a video presentation Thursday, Peters said they have not celebrated the achievement yet.

"It is definitely an event you want to celebrate with your students and your staff," Peters said. "But with these pandemic safety protocols, we are currently not doing anything. We will once we are able to safely celebrate both of those buildings' successes."

The Department recognizes all schools in one of two performance categories, based on all student scores, student subgroup scores and graduation rates.

They are nominated when they are the highest performing schools by state assessments and in closing achievement gaps between a school's student groups.

Up to 420 schools can be nominated each year. This year, the U.S. Department of Education will honor 317 public and 50 non-public school honorees with plaques and flags.

The 2020 National Blue Ribbon Schools awards ceremony will be held virtually Nov. 12 and 13.

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COME SAIL AWAY

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A couple enjoy a walk along the south pier in St. Joseph as a sailboat enters the St. Joseph River channel Thursday afternoon.

COVID-19 cases, recoveries continue steady trend in Berrien County

New cases remain high in Cass County

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Berrien County continues to record a similar number of new COVID-19 cases and recoveries week to week.

Berrien County added 79 new COVID-19 cases and 59 new recoveries this week. The previous week the county added 55 new cases and 66 recoveries.

In addition, the county's percent positivity rate for COVID-19 testing remained at about 3 percent this week. That's with about 573 tests being administered daily.

Berrien County had no new COVID-19 deaths this week, though the state added two deaths to county's death toll due to reviews of death certificates.

The state does this periodically to reflect how many people have had COVID-19 as a major cause of their death. This brings Berrien County's death toll to 73.

With deaths and recoveries, the county is at about 100 active COVID-19 cases. Last Friday, the county had about 82.

In total, the county has now has 1,671 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 1,498 recoveries, 73 deaths and 264 probable cases. That's an addition of 11 probable cases over last Friday.

Spectrum Health was treating six COVID-19 patients Friday morning. That's a rise from the two it was treating last Friday, but down from nine the Friday before that.

Van Buren/Cass

Cass County, with a smaller population than Van Buren County, continues to record almost or more than double the amount of new COVID-19 cases each week.

Cass County added 57 new COVID-19 cases this week, while Van Buren County added 21.

The previous week Cass added 57, while Van Buren added 30.

Cass County's percent positivity rate stayed the same this week at 6 percent, with about 129 tests being done daily.

Van Buren County's percent positivity rate rose slightly from 2.5 percent last week to 3.3 percent as of Monday. That's with doing about 249 tests daily.

No new deaths were recorded in either county this week, keeping Van Buren County's death toll at 15 and Cass County's at 16.

In total, Cass County has now recorded 527 COVID-19 cases and 364 recoveries. That's an addition of 20 recoveries since last week. The previous week the county added 28 recoveries.

With deaths and recoveries, Cass County is at about 147 active COVID-19 cases. That's up from 110 last Friday.

In total, the Van Buren County has now had 667 COVID-19 cases and 533 recoveries. That's an addition of 42 recoveries since last week. The previous week the county added 65 recoveries.

With deaths and recoveries, the county has about 119 active COVID-19 cases. That's down from 140 last Friday.

School cases

No outbreaks were reported at any of Berrien, Cass or Van Buren county schools this week by the state. Michigan updates its School-Related Outbreaks report each Monday.

An outbreak defined by the state is two or more COVID-19 cases who may have shared exposure on school grounds and are from different households.

Some area school districts had been sharing the number of positive COVID-19 cases and students in quarantine, but they will now be required to by an order Gov. Gretchen Whitmer made Friday.

Lakeshore High School had 19 students in quarantine and three confirmed positive cases as of Monday.

Coloma Junior High had two students in quarantine as of last Friday.

Bridgman Elementary School had one student in quarantine as of Thursday.

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IN BRIEF

Man shot during robbery

BENTON TOWNSHIP — A Benton Township man who was being treated at Lakeland Medical Center in St. Joseph Thursday told police that he was shot during a robbery.

Police were called to the hospital at 9:08 p.m. on a report of a gunshot victim. The victim, whose name is not being released, is 35 and from Benton Township, according to a press release issued by Detective/Sgt. Tyler Tiefenbach.

The victim told police he was walking on Highland Avenue near Cornelia Street when two men came from behind a bush, with one of them brandishing a gun.

The victim said there was a short struggle between the three, the gun went off and he was shot. He told police the men took money from him and fled to the east. Tiefenbach said police are not disclosing the amount of money that was taken from the man.

Police are continuing their investigation and anyone with information is asked to call the Benton Township Police Department, 925-1135, or Crime Stoppers, 800-342-STOP.

Two charged in drug busts

BENTON HARBOR — Two people were arrested Friday after police acted on two narcotics search warrants in Benton Harbor.

Detectives from the Southwest Enforcement Team, along with members of the Berrien County Sheriff's TRU Team, Benton Harbor Public Safety Department and Michigan State Police first went to a house in the 1000 block of Pearl Street in Benton Harbor.

Police said that during a search of the home they found crack cocaine packaged for sale and distribution, a Glock pistol and other evidence of drug sales.

John Parson, 58, was taken to the Berrien County Jail on charges of possession with intent to deliver crack cocaine, second offense; felony firearms; possession of a firearm by a felon; and maintaining a drug house, second offense.

The second search warrant was for a house in the 1100 block of LaVette Street, where police said they found crack cocaine and other items related to the sale and distribution of narcotics.

Miriam Parson, 57, was taken to the Berrien County Jail on charges of possession with intent to deliver crack cocaine, second offense; and maintaining a drug house, second offense.

Republicans sue over major ballot decision

DETROIT (AP) — The Republican Party is suing to try to overturn a decision that lets Michigan count absentee ballots up to 14 days after the Nov. 3 election.

The state and national GOP said existing law, which cuts off absentee ballots when polls close on Election Day, should be honored.

A judge, citing chronic mail delays because of the coronavirus, last week said ballots postmarked by Nov. 2 can be counted if received within 14 days of the election.

State and national Republican groups were not parties in the case so they filed a lawsuit Thursday to try to undo Judge Cynthia Stephens' decision. The latest lawsuit was also assigned to Stephens.

"During these trying times of disruption caused by COVID-19, states have an even greater interest in avoiding judicial interference with the laws and processes which have long been in place to protect the integrity of elections," attorney Kurtis Wilder wrote.

The GOP also is challenging another part of Stephens' order, which allows someone to return another voter's absentee ballot in the final days before the election.

In a separate action, the Republican-controlled Legislature is asking Stephens to allow it to intervene and pursue an appeal on the absentee ballot issue. The Michigan Supreme Court told the judge to decide the request by Wednesday.

Attorney General Dana Nessel and Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, both Democrats, said they would follow Stephens' decision and not appeal.

BERRIEN COUNTY TRIAL COURT

Sentences

St. Joseph

Home invasion

Elijah C. Turner, 28, of Buss Avenue, Benton Harbor, 2-5 years in prison for third-degree home invasion July 26 at River Terrace in Benton Harbor; and a concurrent term of 16 months to 2 years for tampering with an electronic device, removing a jail tether, March 16 in Benton Harbor.

Breaking/entering

Kevin T. Turlin, 51, of Fikes Road, Benton Harbor, 2-7 ½ years in prison, credit for 5 days served, $1,298 in fines and costs for breaking and entering with intent March 14 at a barn on Lynch Road in Riverside.

Fleeing police

Amari C. Barney, 21, of Orchard Drive, Benton Harbor, 2 days in jail, credit for 2 days served, $2,178 in fines and costs, 90 days on tether and 2 years probation for fourth-degree fleeing police July 28 in New Buffalo Township.

Assault

Raul Dominguez, 48, of Central Avenue, Coloma, 18 months to 20 years in prison, credit for 38 days served, for assault with a dangerous weapon, an assault on a woman with a knife, Aug. 1 in Hagar Township.

Chaz N. McGowen, 27, of Baldwin Drive, Niles, 18 months to 5 years in prison, credit for 49 days served, and $198 in costs for assault of a prison employee Aug. 4 at the Berrien County Jail in St. Joseph.

Fraud

Joe W. Porter, 63, of East Empire Avenue, Benton Harbor, 23 months to 5 years in prison, credit for 2 days served, and $198 in costs for first-degree retail fraud Aug. 5 at Walmart in Benton Township.

Drugs

Kendale D. Horton, 26, of Ogden Avenue, Benton Harbor, 51 months to 20 years in prison and $1,298 in fines and costs for delivery/manufacture of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, July 28 in New Buffalo Township.

Nicole R. Laratta, 35, of James Drive, Stevensville, 15 days in jail, credit for 15 days served, and driver's license suspended for 1 year, restricted after 180 days, for use of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, second offense, July 9 in Lincoln Township; and a concurrent term of 30 days in jail, credit for 18 days served, $2,318 in fines and costs, driver's license suspended for 1 year, restricted after 60 days, 2 years probation and completion of the Kalamazoo Probation Enhancement Program for use of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, second offense, April 10 in Lincoln Township.

Tampering with tether

Sylvia Marie-Ann McCarver, 43, of East Britain Avenue, Benton Harbor, 40 days in jail, credit for 40 days served, $198 in costs and $100 in restitution for tampering with an electronic device, removing a jail tether, April 13 in Benton Harbor.

Drunken driving

Frankis Santana-Martell Ervin, 32, of Highland Avenue, Benton Harbor, 30 days in jail, credit for 3 days served, $2,888 in fines and costs, $200 in restitution, 180 days on SCRAM tether, 480 hours community service and 3 years probation for operating while intoxicated, third offense, July 29 in Benton Township.

Other

Frank J. Thompson, 29, of Elkhart, Ind., 5 days in jail, credit for 5 days served, and $425 in fines and costs for unlawful use of a motor vehicle April 15, 2019, in Lincoln Township.

Joseph E. Crislip, 23, of Kalamazoo, 18 months to 5 years in prison, $198 in costs and $3,550 in restitution for unlawfully driving away a motor vehicle July 6 in Coloma.

Niles

Drugs/child abuse

Chad A. Horton Jr., 24, of Michigan Street, Niles, 55 days in jail, credit for 55 days served, for use of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, July 22 in Niles; and a concurrent term of 60 days, credit for 3 days served, $558 in fines and costs, $22 in restitution, 120 days on tether and 2 years probation for third-degree child abuse April 15 in Niles.

OBITUARIES

Ruby Jane Martin Renfer

Feb. 19, 1927 – Sept. 21, 2020

Ruby Jane Martin Renfer, 93, of Lawrence passed away Sept. 21, 2020.

She was born Feb. 19, 1927, in Diehlstadt, Mo., daughter of William and Beulah (Martin) Hornback. She was loved by everyone who met her.

Ruby graduated from Charleston High School in Missouri. She was valedictorian of her class. During her junior year of high school she began working for Southern Bell Telephone and then General Telephone when her family moved to Lawton, Mich., a few years later.

Surviving are her husband, Alfred Renfer III; children: James Boitnott, Diana (John) Reist, Larry (Sue Ann) Boitnott, Patrick (Vicki) Boitnott, Sandra (Jeffrey) Tartaglia, Rose (Kirk Goodrich) Boitnott; step children: John and Sheila Renfer; 14 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; her sister, Patsy Leker; brother, David Hornback, and a host of other loving family and friends.

Ruby was preceded in death by her parents; son, Stephen Boitnott; grandson, Matthew Tartaglia; great-granddaughter, Sarah Boitnott, and several siblings.

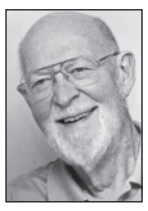
Ruby loved to sing, garden, read, knit, crochet, camp with friends and travel when she could. She and her sister loved driving back to Missouri where they were from. She was the oldest and enjoyed caring for her family. She loved her kids, grandkids, and great grandkids.

Visitation will be held at Adams Funeral Home, 502 W. Michigan Ave., Paw Paw, from 2 p.m. until time of service at 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, with Pastor Bob Hill officiating.

Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. To sign the online tribute page, go to www.adamspawpaw.com.

John B. Klassen Jr.

April 3, 1933 – Sept. 23, 2020



John B. Klassen Jr., 87, of Baroda passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2020.

He was born on April 3, 1933, in La Porte, Ind., to John B. Klassen Sr., and Nettie (Thompson) Klassen.

John graduated from La Porte High School and received his bachelor degree in mechanical engineering from Purdue University. On Sept. 10, 1955, he married the love of his life, Carol Beebe in Michigan City, Ind.

John raised seven children. Upon retiring after 30 years from Bendix in St. Joseph, he built and lived in four different homes in the Bridgman area. John and Carol were past members of Purdue Alumni Assoc., and took many trips with that group. He was a member of St. Agnes Church in Sawyer, and he loved all his church friends and family. He was best known and loved for being the father of our large family.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Carol; children: Jane Klassen, Brian (Vickie) Klassen, Martin (Lori) Klassen, Anne (Kraig Hartline) Klassen-Brunner, Philip (Bev) Klassen, Stephen (Barb) Klassen, Julia (Mike) Pechtel; grandchildren: Nicholas (Crystal), Scott (Nicole), Lisa (Adam), Heather (Jason), Mark (Meghan), Sarah (Jason), AJ, Rebecca, Natalie, Nicole (Jake), Kristopher (Jennifer), Casey, Colin, Logan and Amber; great-grandchildren: Devan, Payton, Amelia, Lila, Oliver, River, Rory; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are his parents: John and Nettie; brother, Robert L. Klassen; and son, John B. Klassen III.

A memorial service for John will be at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28, at St. Agnes Catholic Church, Sawyer. Visitation will take place two hours prior to the service. Arrangements have been entrusted to Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan. Online condolences may be made at www.hovenfunerals.com.

Death notices

Denise Clark died Sept. 19, 2020, at Memorial Hospital, South Bend. Alfred's Mortuary, South Bend, 574-282-2477.

Jeannette Caroline Gaul, 88, of Bridgman died Sept. 24, 2020. Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239.

Geraldine Violet Dent, 93, of St. Joseph died Sept. 24, 2020, at Woodland Terrace, Coloma. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Eva Jane Johnson, 87, of Hartford died Sept. 24, 2020 at Ascension Borgess Hospital, Kalamazoo. Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

Thomas "Tom" James Kenny, 83, of Stevensville died Sept. 20, 2020. Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3329.

John B. Klassen Jr., 87, of Baroda died Sept. 23, 2020. Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan, 695-2363.

Irene Leamon, 92, Niles died Sept. 22, 2020. Halbritter-Wickens Funeral Home, Niles, 683-3000.

Virginia "Ginger" O'Brien, 87, died Sept. 21, 2020. Joldersma & Klein Funeral Home, Kalamazoo, 269-343-2628

Gregory Reese, 52, of Benton Harbor died Sept. 4, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Ruby Jane Martin Renfer, 93, of Lawrence died Sept. 21, 2020. Adams Funeral Home, Paw Paw, 657-6347.

Anita M. Rivette, 82, of Stevensville died Sept. 24, 2020, at Pine Ridge Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Stevensville. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Helen Marie (Henderson) Schroeck, 85, of Riverside, died Sept. 24, 2020, at her residence. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

Peggy Lois Smothers, 71, of South Haven died Sept. 24, 2020, in South Haven. Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, South Haven, 637-0333.

Geraldine Violet Dent

Geraldine Violet Dent, 93, of St. Joseph died Thursday, Sept. 24, 2020 at Woodland Terrace in Coloma, where she was lovingly cared for by an outstanding staff.

She was the loving wife of George Dent for 68 years. Gerry, never Geraldine, is survived by her two sons: Tim Dent and Brian Dent.

Private graveside services will be held at Rose Hill Cemetery in Berrien Springs. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Zion United Church of Christ in St. Joseph, in Gerry's memory.

Gerry Dent was the older of two siblings born to Myron and Violet Stover in Berrien Springs. Like nearly every child in the area she was delivered by Dr. Warren Smith, who coincidentally delivered her father as his first baby. She spent much of her younger childhood watching her father Myron play baseball for the House of David or accompanying him on trips to local farm animal processing.

Gerry worked in the family grocery store on Main and Ferry helping her mother after school. She attended Berrien Springs schools where she met her husband George Dent. After his discharge from the Navy they announced their engagement in January 1947 and were married on Nov. 9, in the Berrien Springs United Methodist Church.

Like most newlyweds, their early years were lean and to supplement their income Gerry taught dance in the area. She played the piano while working with the classes as well as instructing both toe and tap. Part of a generation that could do anything she helped George build their first house on Michigan Avenue in Berrien Springs. The "kit" arrived in a boxcar which they transported in a borrowed truck to the site. Gerry worked as the gopher bringing lumber to George as they built their first home.

When both children were in school, Gerry began to volunteer at the Berrien Springs Middle School library. She enjoyed working with the children and helping them learn new things. Gerry worked with all grades including the special needs children to create a friendly environment. After several years she was made librarian despite not having a degree. When the family later moved to Hart, Mich., she continued volunteering at the Hart Public Library.

In retirement, Gerry and George became snowbirds traveling between Michigan and Florida when the weather turned cold. Gerry made many close friendships in the 25 years they wintered at Camp Florida in Lake Placid, Fla. In early retirement they surprised friends and family by becoming members of the Good Sam Club and touring much of the U.S. in their motorhome. Gerry often got lost returning to Michigan in the spring, conveniently ending up in California to visit their errant son.

Gerry's life encompassed many things but mostly family. Family was always important to her and, as a mother, she always put her children and husband before herself. She wasn't afraid to give to others expecting nothing in return. If you were to sum up Gerry's life in one word it would be kind. And that is a wonderful way to remember her.

Darlene E. Pullen

Nov. 15, 1934 – Sept. 23, 2020

Darlene E. Pullen, 85, of Benton Harbor passed away Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2020, at The Timbers of Cass County in Dowagiac.

A celebration of life gathering will be held in the spring when the sun is shining, the birds are singing and the flowers are blooming. Memorial donations in Darlene's name may be made to the Humane Society of Southwest Michigan or the Alzheimer's Association. Those wishing to sign Darlene's Memory Book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Darlene was born Nov. 15, 1934, in Baroda to August and Edith (Binger) Selent.

She graduated from St. Joseph High School, Class of 1952. On Oct. 3, 1953, she married Clare E. "Bud" Pullen in Benton Harbor.

Darlene was employed for many years by Dr. Griswald Ruth in Benton Harbor. After Dr. Ruth retired, she was employed as a banquet waitress at Benton Harbor Holiday Inn and retired from Ramada Inn. Darlene enjoyed flowers, gardening and landscaping. Her home and yard were a showplace.

Darlene is survived by her daughter, Debbie (Doug) Miller of Benton Harbor; her sister, Lorraine Shafer of St. Joseph; numerous nieces and nephews; and her canine companion, Tinker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clare "Bud" in 1981; siblings and in-laws: Walter (Betty) Lausman, LaVern (Martha) Selent, Donald Shafer and Elaine (Robert) Kohler.

Thomas James Kenny

June 19, 1937 – Sept. 20, 2020

Thomas "Tom" James Kenny, 83, of Stevensville passed away Sunday, Sept. 20, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville.

Ashes will be laid to rest during a funeral mass for the immediate family Monday, Sept. 28, at Our Lady Queen of Peace in Bridgman with Fr. Arthur Howard presiding over the ceremony. Final resting place will be at Graceland Cemetery in Bridgman. Memorial contributions may be given to Alcoholics Anonymous at https://contribution.aa.org. Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

Tom was born June 19, 1927, in Chicago to the late Thomas and Eleanor (Patton) Kenny.

He was preceded in death by his beautiful wife, Janet Loraine (Haley) Kenny who he married on Dec. 30, 1962. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Patsy Maroney.

Tom's loved ones describe him as a wild, free spirited, and a humorous storyteller. He always had a crazy and entertaining story to share with all. There is not doubt that he lived a full life filled with many unbelievable, sometimes even dangerous, adventures!

Forty-one years ago Tom quit drinking and ever since he has helped others to do the same. His determination, heart, and leadership skills have inspired hundreds if not thousands of people to get sober. He will be missed by many.

Survivors include his siblings: Sheila O'connell and William Kenny; his children: Tommy Kenny, Billy Kenny, Mike Kenny, Angel Cohen, Tina Eisenberger, John Kenny, Haley Kenny, and Marianne Kenny; grandchildren: Crystal Kenny, Joey Gurgone, Anneli Rickaby, Maegen Porto, Bryan Cohen, Jonathon Kenny, Michael Kenny, Lauren Cohen, Joseph Kenny, Greta Kenny, Connor Kenny, and Riley Kenny; and his amazing great-grandchildren: Danny, Angelo, Giannni, Briella, Braeden, Casyn, Mason, Cam, Jax, Keller, and Trey.

Arrangements entrusted to Pike Funeral and Cremation Service, Boyd Chapel, 9191 Red Arrow Hwy., Bridgman.

Jonathan Charles Duehlmeyer

May 20, 1991 – Sept. 24, 2020

Jonathan Charles Duehlmeyer, 29, of Stevensville was called home to heaven Thursday, Sept. 24, 2020.

He was born in Berrien Springs, to Robert and Mary Duehlmeyer, Jr., on May 20, 1991.

Jon graduated in 2017 from Lighthouse Education Center Autism Program. His favorite songs were "Jesus loves Me" and "Away in a Manger." Jon always loved music, animals, and Oreo cookies. Throughout his life, Jon touched many lives with his ready smile and sweet personality.

He is survived by his parents Robert and Mary Duehlmeyer; sisters: Elizabeth (Kevin) Pockrandt and Katherine (William) Kiser; his nieces and nephew: Sophia, Olivia, Lydia, Eva, Nora and Micah; his grandmother, Ruth Duehlmeyer, and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Andrew Duehlmeyer; grandmother, Norma Thone, and grandfathers: Robert Duehlmeyer Sr., and Lawrence Thone.

A visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 28 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 3713 Naomi Road, Sodus, with burial to follow at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Memorials may be made in Jonathan's honor to St. Paul's Lutheran Church-Sodus, Chiara Home, and LOGAN Autism Learning Center in Benton Harbor.

Friends wishing to leave a condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Peggy Lois Smothers

Oct. 29, 1948 – Sept. 24, 2020

Peggy Lois Smothers, beloved wife, mother, and grandmother, passed away Sept. 24, 2020, in South Haven.

Peggy was born in Newport, Ark., to Warden Gale and Anna Lorene (Davis) Robinson, on Oct. 29, 1948.

She married James Harold Smothers on Feb. 7, 1969, in Watervliet. They celebrated 51 years of marriage.

Peggy graduated from South Haven High School in 1966. She worked as a secretary at Niagara Chemical and Wanks Furniture. Peggy had the surprise of her life when she gave birth to twins, only expecting one until delivery. Peggy was a foster mother to over 30 children. Her passion was playing the piano and the accordion. She had a nursing home ministry at Countryside Nursing Home where she led worship for the patients. Peggy was a member of First Assembly of God Church where she faithfully served her Lord whom she loved so much. She was an excellent southern cook and everyone always enjoyed her wonderful creations. She could make something delicious out of anything.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

Peggy is survived by her husband, James Harold; her twin children: James (Anna Bednarek) Smothers of Fennville, and Nancy (Jason) Barnes of South Haven; and her loving grandchildren: Sydney, Alaina and Francine. Also surviving are her brothers: Howard (Ruby) Robinson of Hartford, Stanley (Jean) Robinson of Covert, and Jerry (Faye) Robinson of Bangor.

Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, at the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home in South Haven. Funeral services will follow the visitation at 2 p.m. with Pastors Bruce Robinson and Eric Jarvis officiating at the funeral home. Peggy will be laid to rest at Fish Cemetery in Covert. Kindly share your thoughts and memories on the family's online guestbook at www.FilbrandtFFH.com.

The family is being helped by the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home at 1076 S. Bailey, Ave., South Haven, 637-0333.

Jeannette Caroline Gaul

March 24, 1932 – Sept. 24, 2020

Jeannette Caroline Gaul, 88, of Bridgman passed away Thursday, Sept. 24, 2020, at her home in the care of her family.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 9650 Church St., Bridgman, with the Rev. Edward A. Meyer, officiating. Friends may meet with the family from 10-11 a.m. Tuesday at the church prior to the service. Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery, Bridgman. Memorial contributions may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Bridgman. Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

Jeannette was born March 24, 1932, in Benton Harbor, the daughter of the late Emil and Hattie (Patzer) Jetzke.

On Nov. 4, 1972, she married August "Sam" Gaul and together they were faithful members of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Jeannette owned and operated her own beauty salon, but most of all loved to cook for family and holidays gatherings.

Survivors include her husband, Sam; children: Clifford (Julie) Totzke, Jr., Janine (Peter) Schmidt and Isla Case; grandchildren: Mallory (Paul) Newall, Bill Schmidt, Gary (Kim) Case, Chad (Heather) Case and Nicole Walker; 14 great-grandchildren and a great-great-granddaughter.

Jeannette was also preceded in death by two brothers: Bobby and Floyd Jetzke, and a sister, Margaret Block.

Arrangements entrusted to Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, the Boyd Chapel, 9191 Red Arrow Highway, Bridgman.

Gerald 'Jerry' T. Catania

Oct. 23, 1945 – May 13, 2020

Please join the family for a special exhibit/open house in remembrance of Jerry Catania, from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 3 and 4 and Oct. 10 and 11, each day at Bob Catania's building, 5095 Red Arrow Hwy., Stevensville, immediately south of Meijer.

Social distancing and masks are required. If you need special day/time accommodations contact Kathy Catania at krcatania@gmail.com.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Kathy; his brother, Robert of Stevensville; brother-in-law, Keith Bundy of St. Joseph; and in-laws: Hal and Natalie Bundy of Watervliet.

Memorials may be made to Water Street Glassworks, 140 Water St., Benton Harbor, MI 49022, or online at www.waterstreetglassworks.org.

The Glassworks web page includes a "donate" button. Those wishing to share a memory of Jerry online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Getting it straight

The Herald-Palladium makes every effort to ensure accuracy in its stories.

If you think there is an error, please contact the editor of the page on which it occurred. If you are unsure of whom to contact, call Local News Editor Dale Brewer at 429-3797.

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BIRTHS

Lakeland Medical Center – St. Joseph

Benton Harbor – Boy, 5 pounds, 12 ounces, Destini and Dominique Hill, 8:29 a.m. Sept. 19.

Benton Harbor – Girl, 6 pounds, 7 ounces, Tanesha Walton, 8:17 a.m. Sept. 21.

Coloma – Girl, 5 pounds 7 ounces, Tara Howle and Eric Thompson, 10:38 a.m. Sept. 25.

St. Joseph – Boy, 8 pounds even, Carol L. Tollas and Seth A. Timmons, 6:03 p.m. Sept. 22.

Sodus – Girl, 7 pounds 1 ounce, Christy and John Baily, 8:20 p.m. Sept. 27.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

ST. JOSEPH – The following marriage licenses have been issued by Berrien County Clerk Sharon Tyler.

Amy Danielle Davis of Sevierville, Tenn., and Donald Eugene Neddeau of Niles.

Ashli Carol Elizabeth Drewes of New Buffalo and Ian Patrick Kauffman of Bridgman.

Clairetha Hill and Ebenzer Spencer both of Benton Harbor.

Brianna Lynn Joiner of South Haven and Luke Issac Samuel Dunning of Bridgman.

Lauren Nicole Lewis and Kevin Alan Stoner both of Bloomington, Ind.

Shelby Elizabeth Loda and Jarrod Charles Zinser both of Jeffersonville, Ind.

Alishia Nickole Tonkin and Dwayne Morell Evans Jr., both of Berrien Center.

Abigail Lynn Trousdale of Niles and Jared Robert Simpson of Benton Harbor.

Bethany Ann Zinninger of Niles and Davie James-Harvey Loveland of Eau Claire.

SCHEDULE

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Benton Harbor: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 28, Benton Harbor Charter Academy, 455 Riverview Drive

Lawrence: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 30, Van Buren Conference Center, 490 S. Paw Paw St.

Lakeside: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 4, Chikaming Fire Department, 13475 Red Arrow Hwy.

Niles: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 7, location to be determined

DISPATCHERS

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over as director on May 1 after the retirement of Dave Agens.

County Commissioner Dave Vollrath recently spoke about the critical shortage of public safety dispatchers during a commission meeting. He said that the shortage is meaning that dispatchers are having to work overtime, which can lead to burnout.

Contact: lwrege@TheHP.com, 932-0361, Twitter: @HPWrege

FLU SHOT

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continue to care for people with COVID-19."

Every person six months and older should get the flu vaccine every year, according to the health departments. Vaccination against the flu is especially important for higher risk groups, like young children, pregnant women, and adults who have chronic health conditions or are over the age of 65.

Flu season can be well underway by December and January. Since it takes about two weeks for the flu vaccination to provide protection, experts recommend getting a flu shot before the end of October.

HP file photo

A flu shot is administered at the Stevensville Southwestern Medical Clinic.

High-dose flu vaccinations and pneumonia vaccinations are also offered for those over age 65. Most insurance plans will cover the cost for these vaccines, but no one will be turned away for an inability to pay.

Flu Shot Friday's at the BCHD will offer walk-in flu vaccinations 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.berriencounty.org/641/Flu-Vaccinations.

Find more information about Spectrum Health Lakeland's drive-thru flu shot clinics, visit www.spectrumhealthlakeland.org.

For more information about clinics in Van Buren and Cass counties, visit https://vbcassdhd.org.

Area pharmacies and primary care doctors offer the flu vaccine as well.

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VACCINE

From page A1

Many editions of The Herald-Palladium between October 2009 and April 2010 have mention of H1N1 vaccination clinics all around Southwest Michigan.

One story in particular, from Oct. 25, 2009, includes a look at a clinic on a rainy Saturday at Lake Michigan College where more than 1,500 people were vaccinated.

A Berrien Springs resident at the event told the HP reporter: "Well, I've got four kids. Maybe something will happen, maybe not, but you never know. I just figured, why not not be prepared?"

Conrad said that's exactly why though voluntary, everyone will be encouraged to get a COVID-19 vaccine, because herd immunity also depends on how many people are willing to get it.

There are some different estimates out there about what the level of herd immunity needs to be before the country, and the world, are back to normal.

Conrad said the speculative figure that has stuck out to her is about 70 percent. About 70 of the population would need to have had the virus or had the vaccine.

But with COVID-19 not being even a year old yet, there are still a lot of unknowns about how long immunity for someone who had the virus might last.

"We hope a vaccine would provide some longer-term immunity, but we don't know that for sure either," Conrad said.

She pointed to the influenza vaccine that changes each year.

"With COVID-19, and the vaccines that are in the running right now to be developed and make their way through clinical trials, we just don't know. It's possible you get one vaccine and you're good. It's also possible you have to get one every year," Conrad said.

On Monday, Johnson & Johnson began the largest COVID-19 vaccine trials, with plans to enroll 60,000 participants, according to The New York Times. The company might be able to determine by the end of the year if the vaccine is safe and effective.

Conrad said these vaccine creation efforts, in the U.S. and around the world, are important because without it, other measures – like face coverings, social distancing and lockdowns – have had to be put into place.

"Normally vaccines take years to develop, and so the fact that some are already in Phase 3 of clinical trials is amazing," she said. "I think because in modern history we've never had this much global concentrated effort in making this happen. Everybody on Earth is pretty invested in having a vaccine."

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alleys, indoor climbing facilities and trampoline parks – which have been operating in less-populated northern counties since June – can reopen statewide starting Oct. 9. They must limit occupancy to ensure 6 feet of distance between non-household members.

Whitmer revised a 10-person limit for indoor social gatherings and events in much of Michigan to allow bigger crowds in non-residential venues like banquet halls – 20 people per 1,000 square feet or 20 percent of fixed seating capacity, with a maximum of 500 people in the largest venues. Outdoor gatherings and events, limited to 100 people in southern counties, can have 30 people per 1,000 square feet at a non-residential venue or 30 percent of seating capacity – up to 1,000 people.

Whitmer, a Democrat who has gradually reopened the economy over many months, said she took some of the most aggressive steps in the country to curb the deadly virus in the spring, when it hit and threatened to overwhelm Detroit-area hospitals. More than 7,000 confirmed or probable deaths have been linked to COVID-19, though the death rate is well below what it was in April and May. The state is faring better than its neighbors, enabling movie theaters and entertainment venues to reopen, she said.

Michigan's per-capita rate of new confirmed cases, while on the rise for months, in the past two weeks ranks 11th-lowest among states, according to an Associated Press analysis of data from Johns Hopkins University. The COVID Tracking Project, which the AP uses to track testing, says the state's seven-day average positivity rate is 12th-lowest. About 2.7 percent of those tested are getting positive results.

"I know these business owners have made incredible sacrifices during this crisis to protect our families and frontline workers, and my administration will continue working to help them get back on their feet," Whitmer said in a written statement. "We are not out of the woods yet, and we will continue to monitor the effects of these incremental changes."

The governor had faced pressure to reopen businesses including movie theaters, which are open in all but a handful of states. The funeral industry, restricted to 10 people for indoor funerals, had said the limit was way out of step compared to other Great Lakes states.

"One of the many unfortunate side effects of the COVID-19 pandemic is that bereaved families across Michigan have not had the opportunity attend the rituals, services and ceremonies that allow them to pay their respects and process their grief over the loss of a loved one," said Phil Douma, executive director of the Michigan Funeral Directors Association. "Increasing the number of people able to attend a funeral is the right thing to do, and grieving families across our state can now more properly mourn their losses and honor those they love."

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago

The Michigan Maritime Museum recently acquired a 19th century Fresnel lens, which guided ships through the hazardous shoals at the mouth of the Detroit River. The log books of 19th century mariners indicate the 40-inch-tall lens burned so brightly it was visible nearly 15 miles away. In hazy weather, the light-keeper of the Detroit station operated a steam-powered fog whistle to warn mariners near the river entrance. Acquisition of the Detroit River light commemorated 100 years of service and the vital role the Detroit Station played as a navigation aid to sipping and transportation between Lakes Huron and Erie.

1985 – 35 years ago

Live music and dancing will be featured at Fennville's first Goose Festival on Oct. 18-20. Fennville is adjacent to Allegan State Forest and a state game refuge. Each fall, some 300,000 Canadian geese pass through the area. The area is famed for goose hunting conducted under restrictive conditions. Iowa Rose, a western Michigan singing quartet, will perform. The local country dance band Wild Thyme will perform during the Goose Ball. Other festival events will include the Wild Goose Chase, the Goose Parade and a Wildlife Art Show.

1970 – 50 years ago

Bands from eight or nine area high schools will compete in the annual marching festival sponsored by the Southwestern Michigan Band and Orchestra association Oct. 7 at Buchanan Memorial Field. Buchanan schools also hosted the festival last year. Each participating band will give a 10-minute performance and will form en masse for the presentation of trophies. Before performing, each band will stand inspection and the final rating for the competition will be based on performance and inspection.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Saturday, Sept. 26, the 270th day of 2020. There are 96 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Sept. 26, 1960, the first-ever debate between presidential nominees took place as Democrat John F. Kennedy and Republican Richard M. Nixon faced off before a national TV audience from Chicago.

On this date:

In 1888, poet T.S. Eliot was born in St. Louis, Missouri.

In 1955, following word that President Eisenhower had suffered a heart attack, the New York Stock Exchange saw its worst price decline since 1929.

In 1964, the situation comedy "Gilligan's Island" premiered on CBS-TV.

In 1986, William H. Rehnquist was sworn in as the 16th chief justice of the United States, while Antonin Scalia joined the Supreme Court as its 103rd member.

In 1990, the Motion Picture Association of America announced it had created a new rating, NC-17, to replace the X rating.

In 1991, four men and four women began a two-year stay inside a sealed-off structure in Oracle, Arizona, called Biosphere 2. (They emerged from Biosphere on this date in 1993.)

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Chance Showers	Few Showers	Few Showers	Few Showers
80°	64°	74° / 56°	65° / 52°	61° / 49°	60° / 47°

Local Outlook

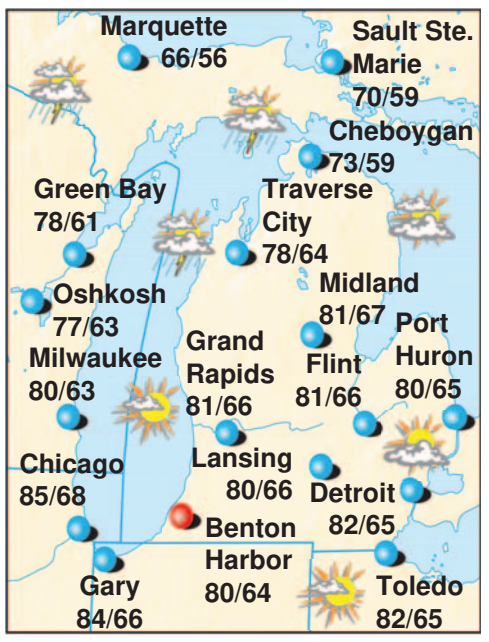
Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 80°, humidity of 59%. South wind 9 to 16 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 64°. South wind 14 to 21 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	7:37 a.m.
Sunset	7:34 p.m.
Moonrise	5:32 p.m.
Moonset	2:03 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
10/1	10/9	10/16	10/23

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	80°
Low	50°
Normal High	71°
Normal Low	49°
Record High	91° in 2017
Record Low	38° in 2000

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	2.10"
Normal for month	2.66"
Year to date	27.92"
Normal Year to date	28.20"

Air Quality

Yesterday 64

Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

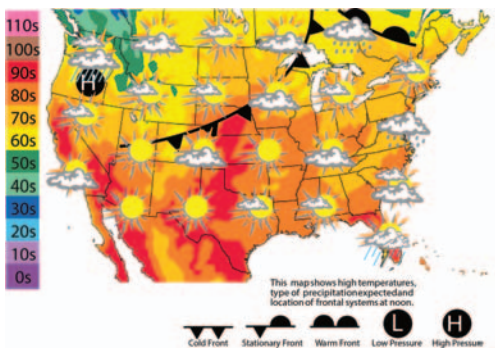
Weather Trivia

What is known as a gustnado?

Answer: A smaller and weaker tornado.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Sept. 26, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, SSW wind around 13 kt. Waves around 2 ft. Water temperature 63 degrees. Tonight, SSW wind 15 to 18 kt, with gusts as high as 24 kt. Partly cloudy. Waves 3 to 4 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with widespread thunderstorms, highs in the 60s and 70s. Southwest wind 3 to 13 mph. Expect mostly cloudy to cloudy skies Sunday with widespread showers, highs in the 60s and 70s.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly sunny with highs in the 80s. South wind 9 to 16 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Sunday with isolated showers, highs in the 70s and 80s. West southwest wind 8 to 14 mph.

Ginsburg makes history at Capitol amid replacement turmoil

By LISA MASCARO
AP Congressional Correspondent

Greg Nash / Pool via AP

A joint services military team places the flag-draped casket of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg as she lies in state at National Statuary Hall in the U.S. Capitol on Friday. Ginsburg died at the age of 87 on Sept. 18 and is the first women to lie in state at the Capitol.

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg lay in state Friday at the U.S. Capitol as the first woman ever so honored, making history again as she had throughout her extraordinary life while an intensifying election-year battle swirled over her replacement.

The flag-draped casket of Ginsburg, who died last week at 87, drew members of Congress, top military officials, friends and family, some with children in tow, to the Capitol's grand Statuary Hall, paying respect to the cultural icon who changed American law and perceptions of women's power.

Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden and his wife, Jill, joined other invited guests. His vice presidential running mate, Sen. Kamala Harris said that "RBG," as she is known by many, cleared a path for women like her in civic life.

"She, first of all, made America see what leadership looks like – in the law, in terms of public service – and she broke so many barriers," Harris told reporters at the Capitol. "And I know that she did it intentionally knowing that people like me could follow."

Biden, who was chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee when Ginsburg was confirmed 27 years ago this month, said he was brought back to when he met her back then. "Wonderful memories," he said.

Mourners gathered to honor Ginsburg under coronavirus distancing restrictions with the nation in political turmoil.

President Donald Trump is to announce a conservative nominee to replace her on Saturday, just weeks before the election. White House officials have indicated to congressional Republicans and outside allies that the nominee will be Indiana's Amy Coney Barrett but are maintaining a semblance of suspense to let Trump announce her.

His third justice, if confirmed, would be sure to move the court rightward on health care, abortion and other pivotal issues. A Senate confirmation vote would be expected in late October.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said it was with "profound sorrow" that she welcomed Ginsburg and opened the private service.

She and Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer stood under gray skies as Ginsburg's casket made the short procession from the court's steps where it had been on public view for several days to the East Front of the Capitol.

The court and the Capitol face each other across the street, separate but equal branches of government, keeping check on each other and also the White House. A military honor guard carried Ginsberg's casket inside.

Election-season politics have rippled through the commemorations this week. Noticeably absent after being invited to Friday's service was Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, who is leading the rush to confirm Trump's nominee while early state voting is underway. No justice has been confirmed so close to a presidential election.

Trump and first lady Melania Trump paid their respects on Thursday as Ginsburg had lain in repose for two days at the Supreme Court, and thousands of people waited outside. Spectators booed and chanted "vote him out" as the president stood silently near Ginsburg's casket at the top of the court's front steps.

But Friday's ceremony focused on Ginsburg's life and work rather than current controversy. She was the second woman to serve on the Supreme Court and the first Jewish person to lie in state at the Capitol. The proceedings included musical selections from one of her favorite opera singers, mezzo-soprano Denyce Graves.

Small in stature, large in history, the Brooklyn-born Ginsburg was remembered as an extremely bright Columbia graduate who was passed over for jobs at a time when few women became lawyers, only to go on to reshape the nation's laws protecting women's rights and equality.

"Brick by brick, case by case," said Rabbi Lauren Holtzblatt of the Adas Israel Congregation in Washington, she changed the course of American law.

"Today, she makes history again," the rabbi said.

Ginsburg will be buried next week in Arlington National Cemetery beside her husband, Martin, who died in 2010. A mother of two, she battled recurring cancer.

As visitors paid tribute at Ginsburg's casket, resting atop the catafalque used for Abraham Lincoln, the Bidens quietly joined. Joe Biden, who is Catholic, made the sign of the cross before he and his wife clasped hands and walked away.

Fewer Republicans attended the service that was filled with women and Democrats. Sens. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts and Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota, both former presidential contenders, were among those attending. The GOP whip, Rep. Steve Scalise of Louisiana, was there.

Defense Secretary Mark Esper and the nation's top military officers from the joint chiefs of staff paid their respects.

In the line of guests paying tribute, one dropped to the ground and did three quick pushups. It was Bryant Johnson, the justice's beloved trainer for her popular RBG workouts.

Members of the House and Senate who were not invited because of space limitations imposed by the coronavirus were able to pay their respects before the motorcade carrying Ginsburg's casket departed the Capitol in early afternoon.

As the hearse pulled away, lawmakers, many of them women, including Pelosi, waved good-bye.

The honor of lying in state has been accorded fewer than three dozen times, mostly to presidents, vice presidents and members of Congress. Rep. John Lewis, the civil rights icon, was the most recent following his death in July. Henry Clay, the Kentucky lawmaker who served as speaker of the House and also was a senator, was the first in 1852. Rosa Parks – a private citizen, not a government official – is the only woman who has lain in honor, a separate commemoration, at the Capitol.

Virus cases rise in U.S. heartland, home to anti-mask feelings

MISSION, Kan. (AP) — It began with devastation in the New York City area, followed by a summertime crisis in the Sun Belt. Now the coronavirus outbreak is heating up fast in smaller cities in the heartland, often in conservative corners of America where anti-mask sentiment runs high.

Elsewhere around the country, Florida's Republican governor lifted all restrictions on restaurants and other businesses Friday and all but set aside local mask ordinances in the political battleground state, in a move attacked by Democrats as hasty.

Meanwhile, confirmed cases of the virus in the U.S. hit another milestone – 7 million – according to the count kept by Johns Hopkins University, though the real number of infections is believed to be much higher.

The spike across the Midwest as well as parts of the West has set off alarms at hospitals, schools and colleges.

Wisconsin is averaging more than 2,000 new cases a day over the last week, compared with 675 three weeks earlier. Hospitalizations in the state are at their highest level since the outbreak took hold in the U.S. in March.

Utah has seen its average daily case count more than double from three weeks earlier. Oklahoma and Missouri are regularly recording 1,000 new cases a day, and Missouri Gov. Mike Parson, a staunch opponent of mask rules, tested positive this week. Kansas and Iowa are also witnessing a spike in cases. And South Dakota and Idaho are seeing sky-high rates of tests coming back positive.

"What we're seeing is the newer hot spots rise over the course of the last several weeks, predominantly in the Upper Midwest," said Thomas Tsai, a professor at Harvard's Chan School of Public Health.

The U.S. is averaging more than 40,000 new confirmed cases a day. While that number is dramatically lower than the peak of nearly 70,000 over the summer, the numbers are worrisome nonetheless. The nation's death toll eclipsed 200,000 this week, the highest in the world.

In the Midwest, the virus is now landing squarely in places where there is strong resistance to masks and governors have been reluctant to require face coverings.

In Springfield, Missouri, hospitals are starting to fill up with COVID-19 patients and the city has seen a big spike in deaths over the past month.

Amelia Montgomery, a nurse working in the COVID unit at Cox South Hospital in Springfield, describes a maddening routine where family members of sick patients call up medical staff on the phone on a daily basis and question whether their loved ones truly have the virus and and the veracity of positive test results.

"We know what COVID looks like now after six months of dealing with it," Montgomery said. "It is like beating your head against a brick wall when you are constantly having patients, family members of these patients and the community argue so intensely that it is not real or we are treating it in the wrong way."

The skepticism about the virus coincides with deep frustration over mask requirements in the Midwestern cities that actually have them.

Mike Cooper, a 59-year-old and sign shop owner from the Branson, Missouri, area, is among those who have grown weary of virus restrictions that he sees as out-of-control government overreach. He has no doubts about the seriousness of the virus, but says the financial toll of business and school shutdowns creates its own set of health problems, such as alcoholism, suicide and depression. "Financial ruin kills people too," he said.

"To me, flatten the curve means extend the plague. Flatten the curve means you are just going to kill the same number of people over a longer period of time, so they are going to extend the plague," Cooper said.

In Florida, Gov. Ron DeSantis, a major ally of President Donald Trump, gave businesses the OK to reopen, declaring, "We're not closing anything going forward."

The governor, who has resisted making mask-wearing mandatory statewide, also said he will stop cities and counties from collecting fines from people who don't cover their faces, virtually nullifying local mask ordinances.

Florida was a major hot spot over the summer, and the death toll there stands at nearly 14,000. Deaths are running at over 100 a day, and newly confirmed infections at about 2,700 a day.

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Okemos	13	Niles	20	Fennville	26	Lutheran	14
Lakeshore	32	Comstock	12	Mendon	40	Lawton	42
Kal. Central	20	Berrien Springs	6	Hartford	7	Brandywine	25
Muskeon Cath.	38	Kal. United	36	Martin	39	Buchanan	35
Benton Harbor	6	Coloma	20	Bridgman	12	Kal. Loy Norrix	7

Don Campbell / HP staff

Michigan Lutheran's Spencer Harris tries to works his way past Tri-Unity Christian's Nathan Rillema, left and Joshua Rillema during the first half of Friday night's game in Stevensville.

Points of progress

Lutheran avoids shutout in big loss to Wyoming Tri-unity

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

STEVENSVILLE — Michigan Lutheran put points on the board in Friday's Southwestern Michigan Eight-Man Football League game against Wyoming Tri-unity Christian, something the Titans didn't do last season.

Tri-unity 72, Lutheran 14

Lutheran was less successful defensively, as Tri-unity cruised to a 72-14 win.

"I'm happy that we, in the end, got some points on the board," Michigan Lutheran coach Josh Nitz said. "We scored zero on them last year, we got 14 this year. I'm excited that we pulled together toward the end. Mentally we struggled at the beginning part of it. I'm happy that they pushed through to the end and didn't give up and leave the scoreboard at zero."

Michigan Lutheran (1-1) quickly fell behind as bad snaps led to safeties on its first two offensive possessions. Tri-unity (1-1) followed both with quick touchdowns and was up 42-0 by the end of the first quarter.

Quarterback Jaden Ophoff led the Defenders, passing for a touchdown, running for two, and scoring on a kickoff return and an interception return. Joshua Rillema had 129 rushing yards and three touchdowns, and Ophoff added 104 yards on the ground.

Lutheran got on the board on the final play of the first half, when Spencer Harris returned a kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown to make it 56-7 at the break. Harris, the Titans' starting quarterback, eventually left the game due to injury.

Jordan Ramirez moved from running back to quarterback to replace Harris, and had a 70-yard rushing touchdown in the second half. He finished with 104 yards rushing.

"Spencer took a beating," Nitz said. "Hopefully we can get him back up and going

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Comets wear down late

Coloma can't hold early lead in loss to Kalamazoo United

By AL AREND
HP Sports Correspondent

COLOMA — Kalamazoo United remained undefeated by wearing down Coloma in the last half for a 36-20 football victory here Friday night.

Kal. United 36, Coloma 20

Coach Joe Stephens' Comets took an early 20-8 lead midway through the second period, but the Titans scored 28 unanswered points to improve to 2-0 on the season and 1-0 in the SAC Lakeshore division..

"They simply wore our defense down in the second half," stated Stephens, whose Comets slipped to 1-1 overall and 0-1 in the division.

United outscored Coloma 21-0 in the last half, dominating play on both side of the ball.

"They really took it to us in the last half, as we simply couldn't get anything going offensively," added Stephens.

In the decisive second half, Coloma had more three-and-outs than first downs.

Drew Finley led the Titans attack, rushing for 118 yards on 15 carries, including TD runs of 18 and 20 yards. Quarterback Will Zuiderveen added 55 yards on 10 totes including two short TD runs, and completed 10 of 19 passes for 101 yards and scoring strike of five yards to Wyatt Steensma.

On Coloma's first play from scrimmage, senior quarterback Drew Goodline busted one up the gut and scooted 54 yards untouched to paydirt for a 6-0 lead.

But United knotted it up at six apiece on an 18-yard run by Finley, and then took the lead 8-6 on a safety when Goodline was flagged for intentionally grounding a pass out of his own end zone.

The Comets tallied two more TDs on a 21-yard strike from Goodline to Noah Schawnke and 1-yard plunge from James Mathis, who led Coloma rushers with 69 yards on 20 totes. Goodline completed 6 of 17 aerials for 56 yards, as he was constantly under heavy pressure most of the last half.

Ron DeKett / HP correspondent

Coloma's Jacobie Bonds fights for a few extra yards after he is hit by Kalamazoo United's Drew Finley during Friday's game.

KAL. UNITED 36, COLOMA 20

United	8	7	14	7	–	36
Coloma	6	14	0	0	–	20

First quarter
C – Goodline 54 run (kick failed)
U – Finley 18 run (kick failed)
U – Safety

Second quarter
C – Schwanke 21 pass from Goodline (Goodline run)
C – Mathis 1 run (run failed)
U – Zuiderveen 3 run (Charlie Prom kick)

Third quarter
U – Zuiderveen 6 run (Prom kick)
U – Steensma 5 pass from Zuiderveen (Prom kick)

Fourth quarter
U – Finley 20 run (Prom kick)
Records – Kal. United 1-0 SAC Lakeshore, 2-0; Coloma 1-0, 1-1.

Ron DeKett / HP correspondent

Coloma's Cody Palgen (1) takes the opening kickoff against Kalamazoo United during Friday's game.

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- Lakeshore, South Haven get 1st win of season
- Bridgman falls in showdown with Martin

Shamrocks picked off by Comstock

Interceptions costly for Berrien Springs in close loss

By BEN SPENCER
HP Sports Correspondent

BUCHANAN — Berrien Springs had its fair share of key defensive stops in Friday night's contest against visiting Comstock, but the Shamrocks' offense had trouble converting those stops into points.

Comstock 12, Berrien Springs 6

The Colts scored two defensive touchdowns in the final quarter to come from behind and beat the Shamrocks, 12-6, in a Berrien-Cass-St. Joseph Red Division football game played at Buchanan.

Friday's game was the Shamrocks' first conference loss since the 2015 season.

"Our defense I thought overall played pretty well," first-year Shamrocks coach Elliot Uzelac said. "We bent a little bit, but we recovered and played hard. We stopped them (at the goal line) once, but we threw two picks. A lot of that is their pressure. They pressured our quarterback and we're not blocking enough up front the way we should."

Both of Comstock's scores came on interception returns in the fourth, one for 61 yards by Cornelius Shivers, and another by Carl Owens for 57 yards that proved to be the game-winner with just 2:17 of game time remaining.

The Shamrocks had a chance to tie or win in the final minute after setting up a first-and-goal thanks to a 43-yard reception by Jacob Haygood from Marshall McFarland.

Berrien's final offensive play was a caught pass by Lucas Rindfield with 51 seconds remaining, but Rindfield was ruled out of bounds and the ball was turned over to Comstock on downs. The Colts then ran the clock out with three quarterback kneels.

"I think our defense definitely won that game," Comstock coach Jason Hayes said. "We had some key turnovers and big plays on third and fourth down. There was lots of energy. Just a great turnaround from last week for us."

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MAC returns with 6-game football season starting Nov. 4

By RALPH D. RUSSO
AP College Football Writer

The Mid-American Conference, the first major college football league to postpone its season because of the pandemic, became the final one to jump back in, making it 10 out of 10 conferences that will play in the fall.

As university presidents in the Big Ten, Pac-12 and Mountain West have done over the last 10 days, MAC leaders on Friday voted unanimously to reverse their August decision to push football to spring. The MAC will instead open its season Nov. 4.

Just like the other conferences returning to fall ball, the MAC cited advancements in COVID-19 antigen testing as key to the change of direction. The conference will begin testing athletes four times per week, starting Oct 5.

If all goes well, by the first weekend of November, there will be college football from coast-to-coast. That seemed highly unlikely throughout much of the summer as the United States struggled to contain a virus that has killed more than 200,000 people across the country.

The pandemic is still not under control in many states, but college football will go on in front of empty stadiums or limited attendance.

"The risk of college football spreading the virus is much less than the risk of fraternity parties or off-campus parties or concerts that are happening," said Dr. Amesh Adalja, an infectious disease expert and senior scholar at the Johns Hopkins University Center for Health Security. "The risk is much more for coronavirus off the field than it is on the field."

The MACtion will start on a Wednesday, of course, and the championship game will be played Dec. 18 or 19. A full schedule will be released later, along with the conference's full medical protocols.

"Our decisions, in August and again today, have been guided by an overriding concern for the well-being of the student athletes, institutions, and the community at large," Commissioner Jon Steinbrecher said. "Our medical advisory group, presidents, directors of athletics, and others, have worked hard to develop a plan that provides the opportunity for student athletes to compete."

Northern Illinois athletic director Sean Frazier, who along with NIU's president pushed hard for the postponement, said he felt good about the MAC's new protocols.

"No one was more hesitant than me," he said. But, he added, the MAC's doctors and experts "made me a believer."

The MAC, a 12-school league of mostly Midwestern schools with relatively small athletic budgets, postponed all fall sports on Aug. 8. Within a few days, the Mountain West, Big Ten and Pac-12 had done the same.

Six conferences, including the Southeastern, Atlantic Coast and Big 12, held firm but the major college football season started Labor Day weekend with 40 percent of the teams that play at the highest level of Division I having announced they would sit it out.

There have already been plenty of disruptions to the schedule, but the SEC starts Saturday, the Big Ten is set to kickoff Oct. 24 and the Pac-12 on Nov. 7.

2-0 Bears to face shocked Falcons

By PAUL NEWBERRY
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Let's see if the Atlanta Falcons can put another nightmarish loss behind them.

The team that infamously squandered a 28-3 advantage in the 2017 Super Bowl suffered an improbable defeat in Week 2 of this NFL season, blowing a 20-point lead to the Dallas Cowboys and giving up an onside kick that set up a game-winning field goal on the final play.

The 40-39 stunner turned up the heat on coach Dan Quinn, especially when owner Arthur Blank said it looked as though the Falcons (0-2) didn't know the onside kick rules.

Quinn urged his team to turn its attention to Sunday's game against the Chicago Bears (2-0), but he conceded that it wouldn't be easy to get over such a disappointing outcome.

"You have to recognize the emotion," Quinn said. "Yeah, you're (ticked). We have to put it into another space, but it's important to acknowledge why you're so (ticked). That's the life of a competitor. It's hard, but you have to get past mad, you have to get past frustrated if you're going to have the season you want."

The Bears have a shot at their first 3-0 start since 2013, though they've hardly dazzled in their first two games.

In Week 1, Chicago rallied from 17 points down to beat the Detroit Lions 27-23. Last weekend, the Bears nearly blew a 17-point lead of their own, hanging on for a 17-13 win over the New York Giants.

"You're always happy about the win, but not too happy because we haven't played a full game together," Bears quarterback Mitchell Trubisky said. "We know what we're capable of if we do play four quarters, so that's gotta be the goal."

The Falcons would like to second that sentiment.

They appeared to be cruising at Dallas, taking advantage of three early turnovers on the way to a 29-10 halftime lead.

Even after the Cowboys rallied, the Falcons were up 39-24 with 5 minutes to go. But the defense couldn't hold, giving up a pair of touchdowns that gave Dallas hope. Even then, the Cowboys had to pull off an onside kick – a real longshot given rule changes that were designed to improve player safety.

The Falcons backed away from the spinning ball, simply watching until it had carried 10 yards. That allowed the Cowboys to make the recovery and win the game, turning Atlanta into the sort of national laughingstock that brought back memories of the Super Bowl meltdown.

Quinn insisted that his players understood the rules, but were simply befuddled by the strange kick.

"Arthur and I can disagree on how we talk about it, but what we 100 percent agree on is that it shouldn't have happened," the coach said. "We've got to work to make sure it doesn't happen again."

QB progress

Coach Matt Nagy insisted he has seen enough improvement from Trubisky to keep him in the lineup.

"There's been a lot of growth with him as well in regards to his decision-making," Nagy said. "Let's keep that next-play mentality going, where if something bad happens on one play, let's make a good play the next. He's been doing that. We haven't had that domino effect."

Trubisky threw three fourth-quarter touchdowns against Detroit and was sharp in the first half against the Giants. But the other five quarters haven't gone as well for him.

Winless Lions set for potent Cardinals

By DAVID BRANDT
Associated Press

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Cardinals quarterback Kyler Murray has an intriguing personality, mixing introverted tendencies with supreme confidence that has helped Arizona push to a 2-0 start for the first time in five years.

Teammates love that the soft-spoken Murray works hard and is humble. They also love his unique swagger.

"It's not my first time dealing with success in my lifetime," Murray said. "This is part of the game. We work hard in the offseason, we work hard to practice to win. We expect to win."

Now the impressive Cardinals host the struggling Lions on Sunday at State Farm Stadium. Detroit has lost its first two games and given up the most yards rushing in the NFL.

That doesn't bode well for stopping Murray, who is the first quarterback in NFL history to run for at least 150 yards and three touchdowns in the season's first two games. He ran for scores of 14 yards and 21 yards in a 30-15 win over Washington last week, darting and dancing around defenders on the way to the end zone.

"He's like a punt returner back there," Lions defensive end Trey Flowers said. "Any type of space he has, he takes advantage of it. He makes the most athletic guys miss."

Arizona's success isn't just because of Murray and new receiver DeAndre Hopkins, who has 22 catches through two games. The rebuilt defense is giving up just 17.5 points per game, which ranks second in the NFL.

Detroit gave up 42 points in a loss to the Green Bay Packers last week. Quarterback Matthew Stafford is once again putting up big numbers, but it's not been enough to overcome the mediocre defense.

Embattled coach Matt Patricia is 9-24-1 in two-plus seasons as a first-time NFL head coach. The Lions have lost 11 times after leading in the fourth quarter under Patricia. That doesn't even count last year's 27-27 tie against the Cardinals, which came after Detroit blew an 18-point lead in the fourth quarter.

Losing three in a row to start the season would make a return to the playoffs unlikely. But that's not even a concern at the moment.

"We're not focused on the playoffs," Lions receiver Danny Amendola said. "We're focused on the Cardinals."

Kennard switches sides

Arizona gave up the most total yards in the NFL last season, so it rebuilt that side of the ball by adding a handful of free agents in the offseason, including linebackers Devon Kennard and De'Vondre Campbell and defensive lineman Jordan Phillips. The Cardinals also drafted linebacker Isaiah Simmons with the No. 8 overall pick.

Kennard played the past two seasons with the Lions, starting 15 games in both 2018 and 2019.

He had one of his best games with Detroit against Arizona in 2019 with three sacks of Murray, who was playing his first NFL game.

Now Kennard will be going after Stafford. The linebacker got his first sack with the Cardinals in last week's win over Washington.

Claude Paris / AP

Rafael Nadal returns the ball to Argentina's Guido Pella during their quarterfinal match of the Monte Carlo Tennis Masters tournament in Monaco on April 19, 2019. Every other player in the men's bracket will be pursuing Nadal as the 34-year-old from Spain pursues history at the French Open that starts Sunday.

Nadal can tie Federer's 20 Slams with lucky No. 13 in Paris

By HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Tennis Writer

For all of the many qualities contributing to Rafael Nadal's unprecedented superiority at the French Open — the bullwhip of a high-bouncing lefty forehand, the reflex returns, the cover-every-corner athleticism, the endless energy and grit – there's one element that stands above all the rest.

According to the opponent Nadal beat in the last two finals in Paris, anyway.

"You go into the match knowing that even your best tennis, even if you play it over three, four hours, might not be enough. I mean, if you do it, you maybe have a little chance, but you have to go to your limit on every single rally, every single point," Dominic Thiem, who won the U.S. Open less than two weeks ago, told The Associated Press.

"That makes it not easy to go into the match," Thiem said. "And that's the mental part, I guess."

When main-draw competition begins Sunday at Roland Garros, Thiem and every other player in the men's bracket will be pursuing Nadal as the 34-year-old from Spain pursues history.

If Nadal manages to claim a 13th French Open championship – extending his own record for the most singles trophies won by anyone at any major tennis tournament – he would, more significantly, also collect his 20th Grand Slam title overall, tying Roger Federer's record for a man.

Nadal's tally elsewhere: four U.S. Opens, two Wimbledons, one Australian Open.

He spoke Friday in Paris about what "probably are the most difficult conditions for me ever in Roland Garros" – a lack of matches in 2020; a new brand of tennis balls ("super slow, heavy"); cooler weather and plenty of rain in the forecast.

"But you know what?" Nadal said. "I am here to fight and to play with the highest intensity possible."

Asked recently about the possibility of catching the 39-year-old Federer, out for the rest of the season after a pair of operations on his right knee, Nadal expressed a sentiment he's uttered before.

Climbing the Grand Slam list, Nadal said, is "not an obsession at all."

"I know that you put a lot of attention on all of this," he replied when the topic was raised last week at the Italian Open, Nadal's first tournament since February because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"Of course I would love to finish my career with 25, but (that's) something that probably will not happen. I'm going to keep fighting to produce chances, and then when I finish my career, let's see, no?" he said. "I just want to keep enjoying tennis. And that's it. If I am playing well, I know I normally have my chances. If not, going to be impossible. That's it."

There is, of course, another great of the game playing during this era and, like Nadal, gaining on Federer.

That would be No. 1-ranked Novak Djokovic, who had won five of seven major titles to raise his total to 17 before being disqualified at the U.S. Open for accidentally hitting a line judge with a ball while walking to a changeover.

In this oddest of years, the Grand Slam season will drawing to a close in France; the clay-court major was postponed from May until now because of the coronavirus pandemic.

"Roland Garros is the last Slam, the last opportunity of this season. So we all know who the main favorite is there: Obviously, it's Nadal. And everything that he has achieved there, losing maybe a couple matches in his entire career on that court ... is probably the most impressive record that anybody has on any court," Djokovic said. "So, yeah, of course you would put him right there in front as a favorite to win it."

For the record: Nadal has won 93 of 95 matches in the French Open and his last 21 in a row.

So what makes him so dominant there?

"He's an unbelievably great tennis player. Probably on clay, a little bit better than on the other surfaces," Thiem said. "He's left-handed, which makes it very uncomfortable. And then his forehand, the topspin on the clay, it's cruel to play."

Thiem takes notes and hopes to emulate aspects of Nadal's game.

So do others.

In Rome, for example, two-time Grand Slam champion Simona Halep and one of her coaches, Artemon Apostu-Efremov, caught one of Nadal's training sessions.

"We were watching the way he hits the ball, the acceleration, the energy he has on the court and the way he practices 100 percent. It's always an inspiration," Apostu-Efremov said.

"This dedication on the court and focus on court," he said, "it's something that, for sure, could be transferred to Simona."

Injury blitz troubling so early in NFL season

By BARRY WILNER
AP Pro Football Writer

Coaches, players and team executives don't exactly shrug when major injuries occur on an NFL field. They don't bury their heads in the turf about it, and they certainly don't wave a white flag in surrender.

Usually, they label a slew of injuries as part of a collision sport. Even when the names are so recognizable – on Sunday there were Nick Bosa and Saquon Barkley, both recent winners of top rookie awards; All-Pro Christian McCaffrey, perhaps the NFL's most versatile player – there's little attempt to reason with something so out of a team's control.

Except 2020 is presenting a myriad of challenges that, in part, have led to such a spike in guys getting hurt.

Nearly 140 players have been placed on injured reserve, though that's not a fair comparison to recent seasons when there was no coronavirus pandemic; a stint on IR didn't last only three weeks because of adjustments caused by COVID-19; and there were offseason programs, minicamps, training camp and preseason games.

Regardless, it's worrisome. And then throw in previous problems that have landed the likes of Von Miller, Danielle Hunter, Richard Sherman, Le'Veon Bell, Mike Pouncey, Derwin James, Marlon Mack and Anthony Barr on IR.

"It is never good to see injuries. You never wish that upon anybody," Browns quarterback Baker Mayfield says. "You never want that for anyone around the league – division rivals or anything like that, it does not matter. You want these guys to be healthy. It was pretty sad to see all that going on. All you can do is pray and hope for speedy recoveries and just hope for the best for those guys.

"Not having the preseason games, I think, your body is not used to getting hit, and also, just being on the field. You can say that is why and I think that might have helped be the reasoning for some of that, but I do not have the answer for that."

No one has the answer. But it's not ludicrous to surmise that the pandemic has led to unique situations on and off the field.

"I do think it's true that the best way to get into football shape is to play football," Ravens coach John Harbaugh says. "All the other stuff is helpful. The ramping up and those kind of things, and conditioning is really important, but the offseason program, the OTAs, the training camp, even the (preseason) games, are valuable and help guys move in ways that they learn to protect themselves and just get ready to play football."

Lots of players whose names fans – and even some opponents – won't recognize will be moving toward the forefront as replacements for stars and starters. That happens every season, though the volume through two weeks is menacing for the remainder of the schedule.

Eventually that is likely to impact the product, which has been relatively good considering expectations heading into the season. That's especially true if quarterbacks go down the way linemen on both sides of the ball have so far. For now, only San Francisco's Jimmy Garoppolo and Denver's Drew Lock have been injured in action, and neither should be out too long.

That players were on their own out of necessity to handle their conditioning, diet and workouts from March until late July also contributes to the number of injuries.

"I think anytime you're not in a competitive offseason program, then you're going to be battling uphill a little bit," Cowboys COO Stephen Jones says. "And obviously our guys didn't get that. They were being monitored well, but when you're not in there in your own organization's weight room, when you're not competing against one another to get stronger, to get faster, to improve on your trade, then I think it's lacking a little."

And then teams went from a shortened preseason with little contact to full-out aggression, as Giants coach Joe Judge notes.

"Again, no one's had the opportunity to be through any type of full game until Week 1, Judge says. "There's a cumulative effect that happens with your body, it's just natural. The shock your body goes through coming out of any game, it takes a couple days to recover anyway. If you haven't been through that kind of stress and physical demand, it takes a little bit longer to recover."

One lesson players have learned is, as Packers cornerback Kevin King notes, "if you go out there playing timid or really, really worry about getting hurt, that's when things happen."

Not good things.

"Who knows if the things that happened this spring is a correlation to what's happening now," says Packers guard Elgton Jenkins. "At the end of the day, it's football. It's a contact sport. Just going out there and play football. Don't try to play to not get injured."

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Michigan Lutheran's Nathan Rosca breaks up a pass intended for Tri-Unity Christian's Austin Treece during the first half of Friday night's game.

TITANS

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again.

"We kind of went back to to our old offensive strategy with Jordan back at quarterback. We put him back there to make plays happen, whether it was throwing or with his legs. He used his legs and did a nice job."

The Titans opened with a 31-26 victory over Eau Claire last week, their first victory in the local eight-man conference which was formed last season. Eau Claire is playing its first eight-man season.

"We didn't know what to expect from them, we didn't have any film," Nitz said. "We did the best we could to strategize for them, and the players came out and did what they were instructed to do. They did a good job and played hard, and I was excited to see that."

TRI-UNITY CHRISTIAN 72, MICHIGAN LUTHERAN 14

Tri-unity	42	14	16	0	— 72
Lutheran	0	7	7	0	— 14

First quarter

TU – Safety, 11:48.
TU – Jaden Ophoff 8 run (pass failed), 11:28.
TU – Safety, 9:33.
TU – Ophoff 75 kickoff return (Ophoff run), 9:17.
TU – Ophoff 60 interception return (Joshua Rillema run), 6:13.
TU – Rillema 18 run (Rillema run), 4:29.
TU – Derek Rowlader 10 pass from Ophoff (Austin Treece pass from Ophoff), 1:25.

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Michigan Lutheran's Jaden Auckerman tries to escape Tri-Unity Christian's Nathan Rillema during the first half of Friday night's game.

Second quarter

TU – Rillema 3 run (run failed), 7:00.
TU – Rillema 64 run (Vergel Heath run), 2:22.
ML – Spencer Harris 90 kickoff return (Christian Kisikulu kick), 0:00.

Third quarter

TU – Ophoff 61 run (Rillema run), 9:30.
ML – Jordan Ramirez 70 run (Kisikulu kick), 6:20.
TU – Heath 51 run (Rillema run), 1:27.
Records – Lutheran 1-1, Tri-unity 1-1.

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SHAMROCKS

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The Shamrocks outgained Comstock 216-113 offensively, but could only manage to find paydirt once on a 1-yard touchdown plunge by Ben Eising.

The score was set up by a 29-yard sprint by Jamal Hailey that got the Shamrocks down to the Comstock two-yard line.

Hailey finished with 92 yards on 14 touches. Eising had six carries for 14 yards plus the score.

McFarland was 7-of-19 passing for 94 yards, compared to 10-of-15 for 51 yards for Comstock's Evan Caswell.

Owens was the Colts' leading rusher with 71 yards on 10 carries.

Each team had just one possession in the opening quarter, but the Shamrocks were able to open the scoring in the second with Eising's run.

Defensively, the Shamrocks forced Comstock into three punts and five turnovers on downs, including a goal line stand in the second quarter after Berrien led 6-0.

"Their defense outplayed our offense. Their offense didn't outplay our defense," Uzelac said. "We gave them two touchdowns, and you can't do that in a close game. We sure have got to get better, because we're not good enough up front."

Aside from the two interceptions, the Shamrocks had two punts, two turnovers on downs and a fumble.

Berrien Springs continue conference play next week against Buchanan.

"We've got a long way to go," Uzelac said. "There's four games left. We can't mope around and hang our heads and all that stuff. We've got to just get going. We'll come back Sunday, lift weights and look at film and try to get better."

COMSTOCK 12, BERRIEN SPRINGS 6

BSp	0	6	0	0	— 6
Com	0	0	0	12	— 12

Second quarter

B Sp – Ben Eising 1 run (kick failed), 7:50.

Fourth quarter

C – Cornelius Shaver 61 interception return (run failed), 7:05.
C – Carl Owens 57 interception return (run failed), 2:17.
Records – Berrien Springs 1-1, Comstock 1-1.

SCOREBOARD

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Saturday's state scores

Addison 50, Hanover-Horton 21
Allendale 24, Hamilton 14
Ann Arbor Skyline 23, Ann Arbor Pioneer 7
Auburn Hills Oakland Christian 40, Sterling Heights Parkway Christian 0
Bath 36, Fulton-Middleton 24
Battle Creek Lakeview 6, Portage Central 0
Bay City Western 55, Southgate Anderson 7
Birmingham Seaholm 41, Farmington 2
Blissfield 31, Hillsdale 14
Bloomfield Hills 34, Royal Oak 7
Boyne City 60, Kalkaska 0
Brethren 30, Bear Lake 9
Brownstown Woodhaven 16, Allen Park 8
Buchanan 35, Kalamazoo Loy Norrix 7
Byron Center 41, Grand Rapids Christian 6
Cadillac 21, Gaylord 7
Calumet 27, Gwinn 0
Canton 28, Novi 25
Carney-Nadeau def. Crystal Falls Forest Park, forfeit
Cass City 42, Reese 3
Centreville 14, White Pigeon 8
Chelsea 37, Ypsilanti Lincoln 7
Clare 45, Pinconning 0
Clarkston 35, Oxford 14
Clinton 54, Brooklyn Columbia Central 6
Coldwater 24, Marshall 16
Corunna 55, Clio 14
Davison 46, Grand Blanc 21
DeWitt 64, Grand Ledge 38
Dearborn Divine Child 0, Detroit Loyola 0
Dearborn Heights Crestwood 37, Melvindale 14
Delton Kellogg 46, Galesburg-Augusta 6
Detroit Cass Tech 35, Detroit Mumford 0
Detroit Central 28, Detroit Pershing 8
Detroit Comm & Media Arts 28, Detroit Collegiate Prep 8
Detroit King 33, Detroit Western Intl 7
Detroit Renaissance 28, Detroit Cody 0
Dexter 54, Adrian 0
Dundee 30, Onsted 8
Durand 38, Otisville Lakeville 13
East Grand Rapids 49, Greenville 0
East Lansing 21, River Rouge 6
Eastpointe East Detroit 40, Warren Woods Tower 0
Erie-Mason 46, Adrian Madison 6
Fenton 50, Flint Kearsley 7
Ferndale 28, Troy Athens 23
Flint Beecher 27, Flint Hamady 21
Flint Carman-Ainsworth 35, Saginaw Arthur Hill 8
Flint Southwestern 30, Burton Bendle 0
Fowler 35, Dansville 14
Fowlerville 23, Haslett 21
Frankenmuth 35, Saginaw Swan Valley 6
Freeland 14, Alma 10
Fruitport 44, Holland Christian 15
Gaylord St. Mary 54, Fife Lake Forest Area 20
Gibraltar Carlson 42, Dearborn Edsel Ford 0
Gladstone 22, Negaunee 20
Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central 28, Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern 13
Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills 26, Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills 14
Grandville 54, East Kentwood 42
Grass Lake 48, East Jackson 14
Grosse Pointe South 17, Utica Eisenhower 7
Harrison 26, Beaverton 21
Hartland 62, Plymouth 7
Hastings 14, Jackson Lumen Christi 13
Hemlock 29, Standish-Sterling 7
Holt 20, Lansing Waverly 14
Holton 7, Lakeview 6
Hopkins 32, Sparta 10
Houghton Lake 34, Lake City 14
Howard City Tri-County 27, Newaygo 6
Howell 25, Salem 7
Hudsonville Unity Christian 39, Grand Rapids West Catholic 21
Ida 26, Hudson 14
Ithaca 39, Midland Bullock Creek 34
Johannesburg-Lewiston 35, Tawas 0
Kalamazoo Hackett 36, Coloma 20
Kent City 10, Hesperia 8
Kingsford def. Escanaba, forfeit
Kingsley 36, West Branch Ogemaw Heights 14
Laingsburg 49, Saranac 19
Lake Fenton 45, Owosso 6
Lake Orion 38, Oak Park 6
Lansing Catholic 42, Ionia 3
Lapeer 36, Flint Powers 21
Leslie 35, Stockbridge 14
Lowell 27, Grand Rapids Northview 6
Ludington 41, Fremont 22
Madison Heights Bishop Foley 21, Lake Odessa Lakewood 6
Manchester 26, Napoleon 19
Manistee 34, Muskegon Orchard View 20
Marcellus def. St. Joseph Lake Michigan Catholic, forfeit
Martin 39, Bridgman 12
Marysville 49, Madison Heights Madison 12
Mason 34, Eaton Rapids 3
Mayville 64, Kingston 0
Mendon 40, Hartford 7
Merrill 50, Atlanta 14
Midland 42, Saginaw Heritage 20
Monroe 42, Jackson 14
Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central 29, Flat Rock 6
Montague 42, Oakridge High School 6
Montrose 42, Chesaning 0
Morrice 59, Merritt Academy 0
Mount Pleasant 31, Bay City Central 8
Muskegon Catholic Central 38, Benton Harbor 6
Muskegon Mona Shores 21, Muskegon 14
New Lothrop 61, Byron 0
North Branch 28, Almont 0
Northville 24, Brighton 14
Olivet 58, Perry 0
Ottawa Lake Whiteford 44, Morenci 42
Ovid-Elsie 19, Otisville Lakeville 0
Parma Western 28, Battle Creek Pennfield 22
Paw Paw 52, Otsego 0
Pellston 61, Bellaire 0
Pewamo-Westphalia 49, Potterville 0
Pinckney 51, Tecumseh 34
Pontiac Notre Dame Prep 35, Harper Woods 14
Portland 33, Charlotte 0
Ravenna 35, Mason County Central 7
Redford Union 43, Dearborn Heights Robichaud 6
Riverview 27, Milan 12
Rochester 41, Auburn Hills Avondale 16
Rochester Hills Stoney Creek 42, North Farmington 14
Rockford 49, Caledonia 7
Royal Oak Shrine 32, Allen Park Cabrini 12
Saginaw Nouvel 34, Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary 15
Saline 43, Ann Arbor Huron 19
Sandusky 42, Harbor Beach 30
Sault Ste Marie 22, Marquette 16
South Haven 34, Niles 20
Spring Lake 33, Coopersville 6
St. Clair Shores South Lake 40, Warren Lincoln 18
St. Joseph 34, Okemos 13
Stanton Central Montcalm 19, Remus Chippewa Hills 7
Sterling Heights Stevenson 12, Macomb Dakota 7
Sturgis 36, Allegan 6
Swartz Creek 14, Linden 7
Troy 13, Walled Lake Central 6
Ubly 59, Memphis 0
Vermontville Maple Valley 44, Gobles 8
Vicksburg 43, Three Rivers 0
Warren Mott 30, Utica Ford 27
Waterford Kettering 27, Milford 7
Waterford Mott 45, Walled Lake Western 21
White Lake Lakeland 32, South Lyon East 21
Williamston 23, St. Johns 13
Wyoming Tri-unity Christian 72, St. Joseph Michigan Lutheran 14
Zeeland East 49, Wyoming 14
Zeeland West 68, Grand Rapids Union 7

FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Pratley, St. Joseph stay undefeated

Bears cruise past Okemos; Lakeshore holds off Kal. Central

By HP STAFF

Troy Pratley rushed for two touchdowns and threw a 58-yard score to Griffin Shinrock as St. Joseph rolled past Okemos 34-13 in a non-conference football game Friday.

St. Joseph (2-0) led 27-0 at halftime and pushed the margin to 34 in the fourth quarter before Okemos (0-2) scored a pair of late touchdowns.

Trey McGinnis added 92 yards rushing and a touchdown for St. Joseph. Shinrock added a rushing touchdown to go with his receiving score.

Samuel Simpson led the defense with 10 tackles and a sack.

Lakeshore 32, Kal. Central 20

Treyjen Keim's 55-yard touchdown run with 2:25 to play secured the Lancers' first victory of the season in Southwestern Michigan Athletic Conference play.

Aidan Jackson and JJ Bushu each added two rushing touchdowns for Lakeshore (1-1), which had to rally from a 13-12 halftime deficit. Jackson finished with 118 rushing yards and Bushu added 55.

Jaden Blanchard rushed for 118 yards and two scores to lead Kalamazoo Central (0-2).

Martin 39, Bridgman 12

Reid Haskins had a big game for Bridgman (1-1), but it wasn't enough to overcome defending Southwestern Michigan Eight-Man Football League champion Martin (2-0).

Haskins rushed for 122 yards and a pair of scores, threw for 74 yards, and had 10 tackles to lead the Bees. Christian Dinges also had 10 tackles, and Jayce Warren caught six passes for 60 yards.

Muskegon Catholic Central 38, Benton Harbor 6

The Tigers lost to the Crusaders for the second straight season, dropping to 0-2 on the year. Muskegon Catholic improved 2-0. Benton Harbor will host Niles next Friday.

South Haven 34, Niles 20

South Haven won for the first time since 2016 in a battle of newcomers to the Berrien-Cass-St. Joseph Conference.

The Rams trailed 6-0 after one quarter and were tied 6-6 at halftime, but took control with a pair of third-quarter touchdowns.

Colin Hess led Niles offensively with three rushing touchdowns.

Watervliet 64, Fennville 26

The Panthers put up big points for a second straight week, improving to 2-0 on the season. They've outscored opponents 113-32 and will host Constantine next Friday.

Buchanan 35, Kal. Loy Norrix 7

Johnny Rager rushed for 127 yards and two touchdowns on just four carries, and returned an interception for a score, to lead Buchanan (2-0) to the easy victory.

Connor LeGault added a 49-yard touchdown pass to Gavin Fazi for the Bucks, who led 28-0 at halftime.

Loy Norrix (0-2) actually held a 246-207 advantage in total offense, but was hurt by four turnovers.

Lawton 42, Brandywine 25

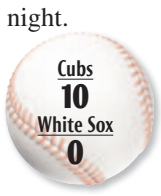
Brandywine (1-1) couldn't stop Jake Rueff, who rushed for 233 yards and four touchdowns to lead Lawton (2-0) to victory.

Gabe Gouin led the Brandywine offense with 120 yards rushing and 143 passing.

Darvish, five homers lead Cubs past fading Sox

By MATT CARLSON
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Yu Darvish pitched seven strong innings for his NL-leading eighth win, Willson Contreras homered twice and the Chicago Cubs moved to the brink of clinching the NL Central title by pounding the cross-town White Sox 10-0 Friday night.



Victor Caratini, Kyle Schwarber and Javier Baez also went deep as Cubs used the longball to break out of an offensive funk and end a three-game losing streak. They reduced their magic number for securing the division crown to one game after St. Louis split a doubleheader with Milwaukee.

The fading White Sox managed just three hits off Darvish and lost their season high sixth straight. Like the Cubs, the South Siders have secured a playoff spot, but slipped into a tie for second place in the AL Central with Cleveland.

Darvish (8-3), a contender for the NL Cy Young Award, struck out five and walked one as he cruised to his first win since beating the Cardinals on Sept. 4. In three starts prior to Friday, the right-hander from Japan slipped from his earlier groove and was 0-2 with a 4.26 ERA.

Contreras hit a three-run shot of Dylan Cease (5-4) in the third. He greeted White Sox utility man Yolmer Sanchez, who pitched the ninth, with a solo shot for his eighth career multi-homer game.

Baez drove a double into the right-center field gap against Sanchez while batting left-handed, his second time swinging from that side of the plate in his major league career.

The longball once again hurt Cease, who gave up five hits – and three of the Cubs' five homers – in 4 2/3 innings. The 24-year-old righty has allowed 27 homers in 26 career starts.

The Cubs entered the game with a .220 team batting average, fourth lowest in the majors.

The White Sox played without outfielder Eloy Jiménez, who has a sprained right foot and is likely sidelined for the season-ending series.

Schwarber lofted a full-count pitch just over the left-center wall in the second for this 11th homer and a 1-0 lead.

Contreras muscled a high 1-1 pitch the opposite way to the right field bullpen with two runners aboard in the third to open it to 4-0. It was his sixth home run.

Baez, who entered batting just. 196, led off the fourth with his eighth homer, a solo drive to left-center that made it 5-0.

Caratini added a two-run shot off Gio Gonzalez in the sixth before the Cubs tacked on unearned runs in the seventh and eighth.

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With Election Day looming, it's unlikely that our deeply polarized Congress will agree on a second stimulus payment any time soon.

So this means every effort should be made to get the first payments to eligible Americans who never received their money, many of whom are struggling to make ends meet during the pandemic.

People who don't normally file a tax return have until Oct. 15 to use the non-filers tool at irs.gov if they want to get up to $1,200 in aid for individuals and $2,400 for married couples by the end of the year.

Many might also be entitled to an additional $500 payment for each dependent child who was under 17 at the end of 2019. You don't need earned income or a job to qualify for a stimulus payment, also known as an Economic Impact Payment (EIP).

In a newly released report, the Government Accountability Office recommends that the Treasury Department and the IRS do more to help track down an estimated 8.7 million people who are eligible but have not yet filed for an EIP. The information could be used to help community organizations get the word out about how to get the payments.

In April, Treasury estimated that 30 million individuals who do not normally file a tax return – referred to as non-filers – were eligible for an EIP. After accounting for millions of federal beneficiaries and individuals who do not normally file a tax return and for whom no data was available, the agencies arrived at the figure of nearly 9 million for people possibly entitled to stimulus payments.

"Perhaps that is a good estimate, but there's been some uncertainty surrounding that number," James McTigue,

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GAO director of strategic issues, said in an interview.

The GAO report was critical of Treasury and the IRS for not updating their April estimate. Failing to do so "could hinder outreach efforts and place potentially millions of individuals at risk of missing their payment," the report said. "An updated and refined estimate of individuals who have yet to receive their EIP from Treasury or IRS could provide greater clarity about which populations may be at risk of missing out on the payment."

In response to the GAO report, the IRS issued a statement arguing that the agencies have been focused on making payments as quickly as possible.

"Instead of re-estimating this number, IRS and Treasury have prioritized focusing on getting actionable information to assist individuals who may be eligible for an EIP to claim one," the statement said.

There have been a lot of stumbles getting payments to the people who need the money the most. Many parents receiving federal benefits, such as Social Security Disability or Supplemental Security Income (SSI), complained that the IRS failed to include the extra $500 promised for each dependent child under 17.

After the IRS set short deadlines for parents to request the missing stimulus money, the agency reversed itself because of mounting criticism. A new deadline for this group of federal beneficiaries to use the non-filers tool was set for Sept. 30.

Most recently, the IRS announced that it is mailing letters to the estimated 9 million Americans who have not yet gone online to determine whether they're eligible for a stimulus payment. The agency recently published a state-by-state breakdown of the mailings.

The IRS said the letters are being mailed to people who haven't filed a federal return for 2018 or 2019. The agency was able to identify the recipients by looking at W-2s, 1099s and other third-party statements.

The EIP is actually an advance credit for 2020. Under the $2 trillion Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (Cares) Act, stimulus payments must be made by Dec. 31. If people don't receive the money by year's end, they still have an opportunity to get the stimulus funds. To do so, they have to file a 2020 federal return in 2021.

People not required to file a 2019 federal income tax return need to go to irs.gov to use the non-filers tool. You'll get a faster payment by direct deposit if you include banking information. For those who don't provide bank account information, the IRS will mail a check. As of July 31, 5.3 million individuals had used the online "non-filers tool" to receive their money.

If you were required to file a 2019 federal income tax return but haven't done so, file immediately if you want a chance to get your payment before the end of the year. If you've already filed a 2019 tax return, you can check the status of your EIP by visiting "Get My Payment" at irs.gov.

There is no reason for people who are eligible for a stimulus payment to go without, so act quickly to make sure you are not leaving money on the table.

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Ask the Fool

Doing the Dow Shuffle

Q I saw that ExxonMobil was removed from the Dow Jones Industrial Average. What happened? — *G.V., Tulsa, Oklahoma*

A Many don't realize this, but the Dow Jones Industrial Average ("the Dow") is an index of only 30 companies. Every few years, to better reflect our diversified economy, some components of the Dow are ejected to make room for new ones. The latest move replaces ExxonMobil, Pfizer and Raytheon Technologies with Amgen, Honeywell and Salesforce. These changes reduce the index's exposure to energy and traditional pharmaceutical companies, while increasing representation of technology and biotechnology.

In 2018, General Electric was shown the door to make way for Walgreens Boots Alliance, while Apple replaced AT&T in the index in 2015. The last major shakeup occurred in 2013, when Alcoa, Bank of America and Hewlett-Packard departed, making room for Goldman Sachs, Nike and Visa.

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Q What's deflation? — *L.U., Federal Way, Washington*

A We all know about inflation, which is the steady rise of prices over time. As you might have suspected, deflation is when prices fall. That might seem like purely a good thing, because falling prices mean you can buy more with your income.

Deflation isn't always good, though, as it often accompanies a recession and/or a struggling economy. It can be part of a cycle where many people are out of work: They postpone purchases because they've lost income, then companies lower production due to reduced demand, then even more people lose jobs. In a deflationary spiral, the economy contracts rather than grows. Meanwhile, businesses (and people) earning less money can have trouble paying down their debts.

Deflation can be countered by lowering interest rates, but rates can only fall so far.

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Withdrawing Money in Retirement

Retirement planning is tricky. Not only do we need to save enough money to live on in retirement, but we also have to figure out how much we can withdraw from our nest eggs each year without depleting them too quickly.

It's a tough problem, and there's no one-size-fits-all solution. Many look to the "4% rule," which suggests you withdraw 4% of your nest egg in your first year of retirement and then adjust that for inflation in subsequent years. That assumes a portfolio mix of stocks and bonds, and it's likely (though not guaranteed) to make your money last for 30 years.

Another approach, suggested by the 1998 "Trinity study" on retirement savings, is to withdraw between 3% and 4% each year from a stocks-and-bonds portfolio to make your money last for 15 to 30 years. Examining stocks and bonds from 1926 through 1995, the researchers found that having bonds makes a nest egg last longer for retirees withdrawing smaller percentages, but that having at least 50% in stocks is best for most portfolios.

Unless you have a huge nest egg, these rates won't give you a lot each year. With a $300,000 portfolio, for example, a 3% withdrawal would give you $9,000 for the year, while withdrawing 5% would deliver $15,000.

Be sure to factor Social Security income into your retirement plan, and read up on how to maximize those benefits. Consider working a few more years, to save and invest even more, and look into immediate annuities, too, as they can allow you to lock in reliable income.

Many experts recommend being flexible with withdrawal rates: When the economy is booming, withdraw more. When it's struggling, withdraw less. This is especially true in the early years of your retirement: A big stock market crash early on can lead to your money running out sooner.

This is complicated stuff, so read a lot more about it — and consult a financial adviser. You can find fee-only advisers near you at **NAPFA.org**.

My Dumbest Investment

Out of Stock

My dumbest investment was accidentally selling my shares of Shopify at $38, when I had intended to buy more. I didn't buy them back to avoid paying an additional transaction fee. Lessons learned: Pay attention when submitting orders — and price is what you pay, value is what you get. — *S., online*

The Fool Responds: Shopify, which offers a widely used e-commerce platform, has been on quite a tear in the past few years. It began 2016 at around $25 per share, and began the next four years at around $43, $102, $134 and $404, respectively. It has recently been trading around $900 per share. Clearly, in retrospect, it was a blunder not to buy (and hold) more shares at $38. But at the time, you didn't know just how much it would soar. Then, as now, you could have asked yourself questions such as: Is this a high-quality, healthy company, with little debt and great growth prospects? Is it attractively priced, not overvalued?

Opinions are mixed on the stock's value these days, as it has run up so much. Bulls expect it to keep growing and rising, but bears think it's overvalued and might pull back. Note that many big brokerages now offer commission-free trading — which could keep you from making future investment decisions based on transaction fees. You can learn more about good brokerages at our sister site, **TheAscent.com**.

The Motley Fool Take

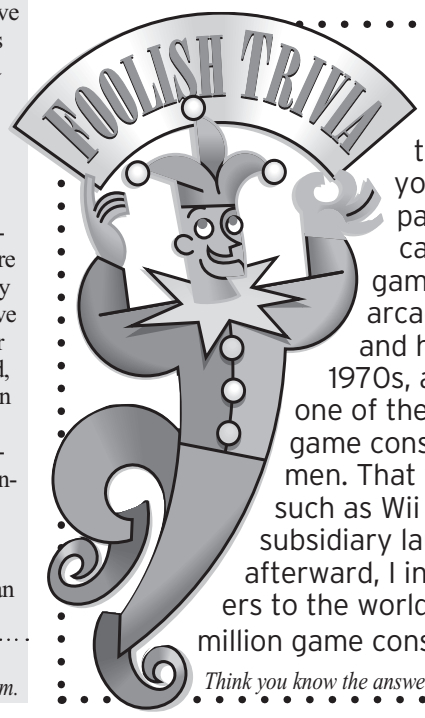
For Good and Bad Times

Some businesses are hurt more than others by pandemics and recessions. One company with some resistance to both is pharmacy chain CVS Health (NYSE: CVS). Yes, the COVID-19 pandemic has reduced foot traffic in its stores and hurt in-store clinic revenue. But the pandemic is not likely to be a long-term issue, and CVS has responded nimbly. Indeed, it was recently operating more than 1,800 COVID-19 testing sites nationally — and it's offering virtual doctor visits with its MinuteClinic "E-Clinic" program.

One of the steadiest tailwinds for CVS Health is that America's population is aging. As life expectancies lengthen and baby boomers hit retirement, reliance on prescription medicines to improve overall quality of life should increase. Since pharmacy sales generate about three-quarters of CVS revenue, an aging population with easy access to prescription medicines is a good thing.

What's more, CVS Health has been pushing the personalized medicine narrative at many of its locations. The company has plans to open around 1,500 of its HealthHUB clinics around the country by the end of next year, offering services that include management of chronic conditions like diabetes.

With a recent forward-looking price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio in the single digits, and a dividend yield topping 3.3%, CVS Health deserves consideration for long-term portfolios. (The Motley Fool has recommended CVS Health.)



Name That Company

I trace my roots back to Japan in 1889, when a young man founded a company to make and sell playing cards. I expanded into other games in the 1960s, electronic arcade games in the 1970s — and home video games in the 1970s, as well. In 1989, I introduced one of the first portable handheld game consoles — named for young men. That was followed by systems such as Wii and Switch. My American subsidiary launched in 1980. Shortly afterward, I introduced two Italian plumbers to the world. I've sold more than 750 million game consoles worldwide. Who am I?

Think you know the answer? We'll announce it in next week's edition.

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to 1846, when two brothers-in-law started packaging baking soda in a kitchen to sell to businesses. (I'm currently America's leading maker of it.) I began using recycled paperboard for packaging way back in 1907. Today, based in Ewing, New Jersey, I'm a consumer products powerhouse, encompassing brands such as Arm & Hammer, Trojan, OxiClean, Spinbrush, First Response, Nair, Orajel, XTRA, Kaboom, Orange GLO, L'il Critters, Vitafusion, Batiste, Arrid, WaterPik and Flawless. I recently sported a market value of around $23 billion, rake in more than $4 billion annually, and employ almost 5,000 people. Who am I? (Answer: Church & Dwight)

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Fear of bankruptcy holds too many people back

The mystery isn't why so many people file for bankruptcy each year. It's why more people don't.

Each year, only a fraction of the Americans who could benefit financially from bankruptcy actually seek relief. Economists say some don't file because collectors aren't aggressively pursuing them, while others may strategically delay filing because bankruptcy could benefit them more down the road.

Many bankruptcy attorneys have a much simpler explanation: Fear, a lack of information and misplaced optimism keep people from getting a fresh start.

A temporary pause

About 14 percent of U.S. households – or roughly 17 million – owe more than they own, according to Federal Reserve Bank of New York estimates. Many of these households could benefit from having their debts wiped out, but fewer than 1 percent of U.S. households actually file for bankruptcy each year. Last year, there were 752,160 personal bankruptcy filings. Researchers refer to this gap as "missing bankruptcies" – the filings that could be happening, but aren't.

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Now, there's an additional set of missing bankruptcies: the cases people normally would have filed in recent months, but haven't. Bankruptcy filings dropped dramatically in the second quarter of this year, to about 60 percent of the average for the previous five years.

Courthouses were shuttered by pandemic closures, which made it harder for creditors to pursue foreclosures and wage garnishments. Those are two big drivers of consumer bankruptcy filings, says David Cox, a bankruptcy attorney in Lynchburg, Virginia, and co-author of "Consumer Bankruptcy: Fundamentals of Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code."

Borrowers have benefited from various forms of coronavirus relief, such as suspended payments on federal student loans, mortgage forbearance and expanded hardship options for loans and credit card accounts. The $600 weekly bump in unemployment checks, which expired in July, also kept many people afloat, Cox says.

Lower jobless benefits, along with the reopening of courts and continued high unemployment, mean the lull in bankruptcy filings is likely temporary, says Jenny Doling, a bankruptcy attorney in Palm Desert, California, who serves on the American Bankruptcy Institute's Chapter 13 Advisory Committee.

She worries that people will wait too long to file. Too often, people drain retirement funds or other assets that would be protected in bankruptcy to pay debts that will ultimately be erased, she says. Putting off bankruptcy also can make it harder to come up with the $1,500 needed to file a typical case.

You won't lose everything

Cox says many of his clients delay filing because they fear they will lose cars, homes and other property. They are pleasantly surprised that they aren't stripped of everything they own, he says.

"There's a misunderstanding about how bankruptcy works and what it would take from you," Cox says.

The vast majority of people who file the most common type of bankruptcy, Chapter 7, don't have to give up any of their possessions. The types and amount of property you can keep vary by state, but typically include clothing, professional tools, wedding rings and at least some equity in your home. A few thousand dollars of equity in a car is usually protected as well. If you have assets that wouldn't be protected in Chapter 7, you could file for a Chapter 13 repayment plan instead.

You can get credit again

A bankruptcy filing remains on your credit reports for up to 10 years. But credit scores can start to recover soon after you file. It's possible to get a VA or FHA mortgage two years after a bankruptcy. Most loans require you to wait at least four years.

People can start to rebuild credit a few months after their bankruptcy case is discharged by getting secured credit cards, which require a deposit, or credit-builder loans, available from some credit unions, community banks and online.

The problem with anxiety – or unrealistic optimism

Debt often leads to anxiety and depression that makes taking action difficult, Cox says. Many of his clients arrive at their first meeting with grocery sacks full of unopened bills.

But misplaced optimism can also be a problem. The same hopefulness that causes people to take on too much debt also can lead them to put off the reckoning, he says.

"You always think, 'Our income's going to increase, things will be better going forward,'" Cox says.

Anyone struggling with debt now should consider consulting a bankruptcy attorney, Doling says. The first visit is often free, and referrals are available from the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys. Consulting with an attorney doesn't obligate you to file, but it could help you avoid expensive mistakes if you later decide that's your best option.

"The people who do much better in bankruptcy are the ones who came in and got advice early on," Doling says.

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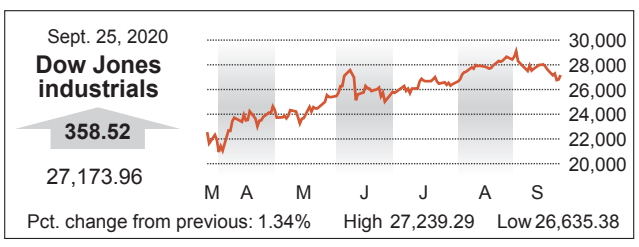

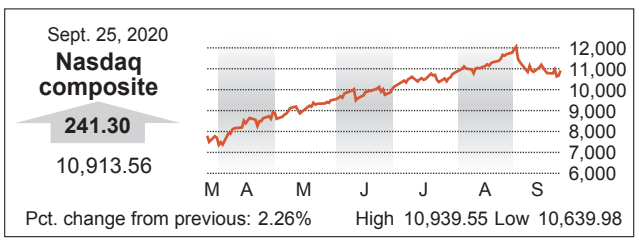

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AutoZone	AZO	684.91	1274.41	1135.02	+5.39	+0.5	▼	▼	▲
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Worthgtn	WOR	19.28	44.69	39.47	+1.17	+3.1	▼	▼	▲
XPO Logis	XPO	38.47	100.18	84.19	+1.95	+2.4	▼	▼	▲

PRODUCE PRICES

The following fruit prices were recorded on the Chicago Terminal Market on Wednesday. Prices are not net to the growers as freight and selling fees have not been deducted. These prices were provided by the USDA Market News Branch office in Chicago.

APPLES: Cartons tray pack of Washington Extra Fancy 72s Red Delicious sold steady from mostly $23-24, Golden Delicious sold from $26-29, Fuji sold for $24-24.50 with fine appearance mostly $31-32, Pink Lady brought $35, Gala fine appearance offerings sold from mostly $39-40, and 72 size Honeycrisp of fine appearance offerings brought $54. Cartons of 12 3-pound film bags of Washington WA Extra Fancy 2 1/2-inch minimum Red Delicious sold from $23-24, while Golden Delicious brought $21-22, and Gala sold from mostly $22-23.

ASPARAGUS: 11-pound cartons/crates bunched from Peru standard size sold lower for $16 with fine appearance offerings $22-24, and white offerings brought $26.50, while green offerings from Mexico sold lower for $16.

BEANS: Bushel cartons/crates of round green type machine-picked offerings from Michigan sold lower for mostly $18-20.

BERRIES: Flats of 12 1-pint cups with lids of medium-large size from British Columbia sold lower from $14-16, while offerings from Peru sold lower from mostly $33-34. Organic offerings from California sold steady for $38.50. Strawberries in flats of 12 1-pound containers small-medium size from California sold higher for mostly $21-22, with fine appearance offerings mostly $33-34, and organic offerings brought $28.50.

BROCCOLI: Cartons of 14 bunches from California sold slightly lower from $28-30, with organic offerings sold for mostly $41-43.

CABBAGE: 50-pound cartons of round green medium from Michigan sold higher from $18-20, with red type $17-19.

CAULIFLOWER: Cartons of 12 film wrapped heads from California sold from mostly $13-15, with organic offerings sold higher for $24.

CORN: Wirebound crates of four dozen Michigan bi-color sold for $24.50-25, with yellow offerings $24.50.

CUCUMBERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons from Michigan of medium size sold higher for $30, while select offerings brought $16, large sold from $16-18 and carton 24s brought $13-14. Pickles of 200-300 size from Michigan sold steady from $26-28.

EGGPLANT: 1 1/9-bushel cartons of medium size from Michigan sold steady from mostly $19-20, with fair quality $17, and organic offerings from Ohio sold lower for $18.

LETTUCE: Cartons film wrapped 24 heads of iceberg lettuce from California sold much higher from $40-42, with organic offerings higher for $44.

ORANGES: Cartons of 10 4-pound film bags of California 72 size valencia juice oranges sold steady for $29.

PEACHES: Half-bushel cartons of various yellow flesh varieties from West Virginia of 2 1/2 inch up sold from $27-29.

PEPPERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons of Michigan green jumbo, extra-large, large and medium sold higher for mostly $26-27, with choppers mostly $23-24. Extra-large size jalapeno peppers from Mexico sold for mostly $19-21 while extra-large offerings from Ohio sold for $18-20. Medium-large hungarian wax peppers from Michigan sold from mostly $23-24, and extra-large size poblanos sold for $20-21, medium size anaheims sold higher for $28.

PRUNES: 28-pound cartons of Italian of 1-1/4-inch min. size from Washington sold steady for $25.

PUMPKINS: 1/2 bushel cartons of miniature orange from Michigan sold for $16, while 36 inch bins of howden type large sold for $135 with small and medium size from $130-135.

SQUASH: 1/2-bushel cartons of small-medium zucchini from Michigan sold for $19, while yellow straightneck small-medium from Ohio brought $20.50. 1 1/9-bushel cartons from Michigan of large size acorn sold for $17-17.50 and medium size butternut sold from $18-19.50, while small spaghetti brought $18.

TOMATOES: 25-pound cartons loose vine-ripe offerings from Michigan of 5x6 size sold higher for $26-27, with 6x6 size $21, and cartons 2-layer offerings of vine ripes from Mexico of 4x4 size sold higher for $25. Flats 12 1-pint containers with lids of light red-red medium size grape tomatoes from Michigan sold higher from $16-17. Cartons of 12 1-pint baskets of cherry type light red-red from Michigan sold for $14-15. Plum tomatoes packed in 25-pound cartons loose of extra-large size from Mexico sold higher from $16-18, while offerings from Michigan sold higher for $18-20.

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Trump's $200 prescription cards won't hit mailboxes just yet

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
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President Donald Trump signs an executive order Thursday after delivering remarks on health care at Charlotte Douglas International Airport in Charlotte, N.C.
Chris Carlson / AP

WASHINGTON — If you're on Medicare, don't run to the mailbox looking for a $200 prescription drug card courtesy of President Donald Trump.

Government officials said Friday that key details of Trump's election-year giveaway still have to be fleshed out, including the exact timing and how Medicare's cost would be covered – a sum that could approach $7 billion.

It's also unclear which Medicare enrollees will get the promised cards. Trump said 33 million beneficiaries would receive cards in the mail, but more than 60 million people are covered by the federal health insurance program for seniors.

Trade groups representing the two industries most affected by the plan – drug companies and insurers – said they have received no specifics from the Trump administration. Public policy experts called it an attention-grabbing move – weeks before the presidential election – that won't change much in the end.

"Providing a coupon does absolutely nothing to address the underlying problem of high and rising drug prices," said Tricia Neuman, a Medicare expert with the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation. "The administration has had nearly four years to work with Congress or go through the regulatory process to adopt proposals that could have a real and sustained impact on drug prices."

For example, a bipartisan Senate bill would have capped out-of-pocket costs for Medicare recipients with high drug bills, while also limiting price increases by requiring rebates to the program. But it stalled this year even though Trump lined up behind it. The compromise faced opposition from the drug industry and from Republican senators who saw it as a path to government price controls. The emergence of more ambitious legislation from House Speaker Nancy Pelosi diminished Democrats' appetite for a deal.

Meanwhile, the administration is still working on regulatory actions to try to peg what Medicare pays for medications to lower prices abroad. That's what Trump often refers to as "favored nations," an idea that could lead to big savings but is likely to face legal challenges from the pharmaceutical industry.

Medicare enrollees can get prescription drug coverage by purchasing a "Part D" drug plan or by joining a Medicare Advantage plan. Announcing the savings cards Thursday at a speech in Charlotte, N.C., Trump called it a "historic provision" to benefit seniors. "Nobody has seen this before," he said with typical salesmanship. "These cards are incredible."

Using Trump's figure of 33 million people getting the $200 cards, the cost would work out to $6.6 billion, not including administrative expenses.

The White House says the prescription cards are definitely coming. They will be mailed in coming weeks, although officials are providing no date.

The cards would provide a savings off copays owed by seniors for their medications, according to the White House. Medicare would cover the cost under its authority to launch demonstration programs.

How keeping a car can pay off down the road

By CARLA FRIED
Rate.com (TNS)

Nationwide, about one in five owners of a Toyota Highlander held onto the car for at least 15 years. More than 14 percent of Toyota Sienna, Toyota Tacoma and Toyota Tundra owners kept their car for at least 15 years.

Want to guess what those Toyota buyers got besides a durable ride? The opportunity to redirect scarce household money to savings – and an additional nest egg of $230,000. Read on for the math on that.

What you drive – and for how long – can play a big role in what you're able to save for retirement. For many households, years without a car payment will be the key to financial security.

In a recent report from car search engine Iseecars.com, ranking models that original owners held onto for at least 15 years, the top four spots went to Toyota. The Tacoma and Tundra, by the way, were more than twice as likely to be owned for at least 15 years than the popular Ford F-150.

Nationally, the average for models owned by the original owner for at least 15 years is 7.7 percent. It should be a lot higher, given the increased reliability of today's vehicles and the financial rewards of holding onto a car or truck.

Yet flipping cars every few years has become a costly habit for many households. Car data site Edmunds.com reported that more than 40 percent of the cars traded in this past May still had an outstanding loan balance (known as negative equity). The average car loan is a smidge less than six years these days, which suggests a whole lot of people don't own their car for even that long.

Edmunds noted that trading in with negative equity might have an upside given the potential to finance a new car (and roll over your unpaid loan balance on the car you're trading in) at a lower interest rate. What that overlooks is that you've just increased your loan balance and likely just signed on for a fresh six years (or more) of new loan payments. That's time (and money) you won't have for other goals.

Luxury and sports cars are the most prone to flipping sooner. According to Iseecars.com, on average less than 6 percent of luxury and sports cars are held for at least 15 years. The models held longest were the Acura MDX, BMW 3, Lexus IS 300 and Audi S4, with 8 percent of owners holding on for at least 15 years.

Even if you're paying cash for a luxury car, there is still the opportunity cost of the big ticket purchase. According to car data resource Kelly Blue Book, the average cost recently to buy a luxury compact SUV/crossover was $47,000, compared to around $30,000 for a non-luxury model. Even if you've got the extra $17,000 in cash handy, are you sure you want to spend it on a depreciating asset? Invest the $17,000 for 25 years, and you'll have nearly $58,000, assuming a 5 percent annualized return. If you don't hold onto the car, and repeat this scenario one or two more times over the next 20 years, your opportunity cost – what you could have had – will cross over into six figures.

Instead of flipping your car for another new car every three, four, five years, if you keep it, you're buying yourself a lot of time without a car payment.

Paying off the loan in five years and then driving the car for, say, another 10 would give you 10 years of no payments.

Right now the average car loan payment is around $570 a month according to Experian Automotive. Invest $570 a month for 10 years and you will have more than $88,000, assuming a 5 percent annualized return. If that money is for retirement, and you just let the $88,000 keep compounding (again, at an assumed 5 percent annualized rate) it will be worth more than $140,000 in another 10 years. After 20 years it's grown to more than $230,000.

A quarter of a million dollars ready for your retirement, because you gave yourself a 10-year window where you weren't making a car payment.

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What you need to know before buying a business

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Buying a business can be a highly profitable way to jump into the world of entrepreneurship.

When you buy a business, your startup costs are non-existent, your team is already assembled, your business has existing customers and vendor relationships, and processes are already in place. In other words, you have a huge head start towards success.

Purchasing an existing business, however, does not guarantee success. First, you need to do your research to determine if the business is worth pursuing.

Approach a business purchase the way you would any other investment.

Investing in a business requires the same approach you'd take before making any investment. It should also provide the same outcome – a significant return over time.

A business can return high profits, but it's also a riskier way to invest your savings. To mitigate your risk, study the past performance and current condition of the business. You'll also want to consult with professionals in the same industry and those who are familiar with the business to help evaluate its prospects for the future. Do your due diligence and learn as much as possible about the business so you can make an intelligent and informed decision.

There are key questions to ask the current owner to help you uncover the true value of a business before you buy.

Gather as much data on the business as you can before you decide to purchase. The best way to do this is to sit down with the current owner and ask these four critical questions.

Question 1: Why is the owner selling the business?

This is one of the most important questions and the one you should ask first when considering a purchase. Context is key to any sale. If the owner is retiring, going through a life change or selling for another purpose with complete transparency, this could be a good sign that the opportunity is worth exploring. If, however, the owner is looking to sell quickly or not providing a clear reason for the sale, proceed with caution.

Try to uncover as many details as you can about why the owner wants to sell. The fact is that most business owners don't walk away from profitable businesses unless they have strong personal reasons to do so.

Question 2: What are the financials?

Is the business in the red or the black? And why? Dig deep and get as much insight and context into cash flow, investments, payment terms, and liabilities as possible. The owner should be able to easily provide you with this documentation, show you the money flowing in and out of the business, and give you a strong sense of the financial health of the company.

Question 3: What is the business' reputation?

Perception is reality. If other businesses or leaders in the company's industry have a poor perception of the brand you're considering purchasing, that should weigh heavily on your decision to buy.

Purchasing a business that requires immediate reputation management – whether from mismanagement or consumer mistrust in the product or service – may be a way to get a solid deal on the purchase. However, repairing a brand's reputation requires capital and a long term commitment to turning things around. If you're buying a business that you plan to be deeply involved with for years, and you're confident in your ability to positively impact the culture, a fixer-upper business could be a steal.

On the flip side, a well-respected business with an owner whose identity is deeply intertwined with the identity of the company means you'll have big shoes to fill and your decisions as the new owner will be scrutinized. This is also something to seriously consider if you're looking to make the company your own.

Question 4: Does the purchase include everything to run the business?

Make sure the purchase includes all of the essentials that you need to get up and running once the purchase is complete. This could include leases, contracts, customer lists, patents, trademarks, service marks, trade names, essential employees and any other element of what's made the business operable and successful up to the time of the sale.

Consult your partners, mentors and others you trust before jumping in.

Buying a business is a big decision that's going to require your long-term dedication. You're not just investing in a company or a product; you're investing in the customers and vendors you support and in the livelihoods of the people you employ. It's not a decision to make quickly or without insight from a small, core group of people you trust, like a SCORE mentor.

hp OUTDOORS

Submitting hunting or fishing photos

Have a behemoth buck, a tremendous turkey or super-sized salmon? Please submit photos to sports@TheHP.com.

Your photo must be in focus, all persons in the photo must be identified, and the general location of the hunt must be provided (for example, 10-point buck shot in Benton Township, black bear shot near Munising, Mich., etc.)

Sarett Nature Center

Fall Color Hike at Ross Preserve: 1 p.m. Oct. 18 at the Ross Preserve in Covert. Meet a Sarett naturalist for a fall color walk, identifying different leaves and discussing how and why they change color. Cost is $5, free for members. Call 927-4832 to reserve your spot.

All About Bats: 2 p.m. Oct. 24. Join Western Michigan University professpr Maarten Vonhof for an afternoon learning about conservation and current research on bats. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for outdoor seating. Cost is $5, free for members. Call 927-4832 to reserve your spot.

Watervliet Rod & Gun Club

CPL classes: The Watervliet Rod and Gun Club is offering concealed pistol license classes through the end of the year.

December: Register from 6-7 p.m. Dec. 1. Classes are from 6-10 p.m. Dec. 3 and from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Dec. 5.

For more information, call 470-9191 or 468-3837.

Fernwood Botanical Garden

Dog Days of Summer: 8-10 a.m. Saturdays through the end of October. Fernwood members – bring your canine for a walk. No registration required.

FISHING REPORT

Southwest Lower Peninsula

St. Joseph: Those trolling for salmon reported slow fishing. Perch anglers had a few good catches in 40 to 50 feet, but the fish were scattered. Pier fishing was slow for all species. Anglers caught a few pike, bass and freshwater drum.

St. Joseph River: There are fish moving through the river; however, those targeting salmon reported slow catch rates, especially with the warm temperatures. The action should pick up next week with rain and cooler weather in the forecast.

South Haven: When they could get out, boat anglers had slow fishing for salmon. Perch fishing was also on the slow side. A few boats did manage to find some fish in 55 feet. Windy conditions have made fishing very inconsistent. Pier fishing was slow, with only a couple salmon taken.

Black River: Salmon were caught by those trolling spoons and body baits.

Holland: Pier anglers casting for salmon had no luck.

Port Sheldon: Boats are finding the salmon action to be very slow. A few lake trout were caught on the bottom in 100 to 160 feet with yellow or blue spin-glo's.

Grand Haven: The launch at Harbor Island remains closed. Pier anglers are targeting salmon early morning and late evening.

Grand River near Grand Rapids: Anglers are getting some coho at the 6th Street Dam; however, some were catching more steelhead. They are using a variety, including spawn, skein, trout beads and Hot-n-Tot's. Anglers should find some salmon in the Rogue River.

Grand River near Lansing: Anglers are reporting coho as far up as Portland. Fish were caught at Webber Dam and Portland Dam. No big numbers, but fish were hitting spoons, spinners, crankbaits, spawn, skein and trout beads.

Muskegon River: Water temperatures were in the 60s. Salmon numbers are still on the low side. Anglers may see a push of fish next week with the rain and cooler temperatures. Good bass fishing continues.

– Michigan DNR, Sept. 23

Deer check station, drop box changes for 2020

Deer check station locations will be reduced this fall. Check station days and hours of operation also will be reduced across much of the state.

Many check stations will be open only during parts of the firearm deer season in November.

Wait times may be longer than usual, especially during the firearm deer season, due to staffing reductions.

It's important to note, too, that any changes in the state's COVID-19 situation could result in changes to planned locations and hours of operation.

In parts of the state where CWD and bovine tuberculosis (TB) samples are needed, check stations and drop boxes will be available to hunters beginning Oct. 3 and continuing into December and January.

Deer cooperator patches will be available at DNR deer check stations, during their hours of operation, while supplies last.

– Michigan DNR

Photo provided / Kevin Borglin

Recently hatched eastern box turtles are seen on Sept. 12 in New Buffalo Township. These baby turtles will spend the next few years in water and emerge when they reach sexual maturity and spend their adult years on land.

Baby box turtles a rare sight

Throughout the years I spent working at Sarett Nature Center and hiking our local trails, I have never run across baby eastern box turtles in the wild. So it was a treat when Kevin Borglin of New Buffalo Township sent me a photo taken on his property of five newly hatched eastern box turtles, which were emerging from their nest.

Jonathan Wuepper
Southwest Michigan Wildlife

The eastern box turtle is the only species of turtle that inhabits our region that spends most of its adult life in upland meadows and dry forests, although they don't live far from water.

Adult box turtles consume small invertebrate animals such as worms and insects, in addition to plants such as wild strawberries. Adults live on average 25 to 35 years in the wild, but occasionally may live to nearly 100.

After hatching, the five baby turtles in Borglin's photos will have gone directly to the nearest pond or stream They will remain there for the next five to six years, which is when they will reach sexual maturity, and then spend most of their adult years on land. The young box turtles will be carnivorous during their years spent in water. They will grow rapidly and upon leaving the water in a few years will eat both plants and animals.

Box turtles will hibernate in our region beginning in late October or November through to April 2021. The species has been on the decline for the last few decades in Michigan and other locations of its range, primarily due to habitat loss, and also due to predation of their eggs by raccoons.

On Sept. 18, Brad Anderson of Bridgman was at Warren Dunes State Park where he witnessed a sharp-shinned hawk try to capture a blue jay. Anderson was able to get photos of both birds.

Photo provided / Brad Anderson

A sharp-shinned hawk on Sept. 18 at Warren Dunes State Park. This sharp-shinned hawk attempted to take a blue jay but was ultimately unsuccessful, according to photographer Brad Anderson.

The sharp-shinned hawk is a common fall and spring migrant and found occasionally as a winter resident in Southwest Michigan. It is closely related to our Cooper's hawk, which is often featured in this column. The sharp-shinned hawk is smaller, more slender than the Cooper's hawk, and summer distribution is primarily in Canada, south to northern Michigan. Both species belong to the accipiter family of hawks known for their preference of woodlands over open areas.

In Berrien County, we start to see an influx of southbound sharp-shinned hawks in August, peaking in October and November. Hundreds of them may pass southward along the Lake Michigan shoreline during the peak of migration.

From March through mid-May, large numbers of blue jays pass through northbound to Ontario and northern Michigan. Sharp-shinned hawks are occasionally found nesting in the southern half of Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

Photo provided / Brad Anderson

A blue jay rests atop an eastern red cedar tree in Warren Dunes State Park, after nearly ending up as a meal for the sharp-shinned hawk.

Although blue jays are present all year long in Michigan, large flocks exit Canada each fall and return each spring. These migratory individuals may be seen locally along the Lake Michigan shoreline in large numbers. On May 1, 1972, the late Walter Booth noted 20,000 blue jays heading north along Lake Michigan.

Blue jays are related to crows, ravens and magpies, and this family of birds called Corvidae is among the smartest of birds. Blue jays are known for their tenacity and feistiness and won't give in to predators sucks as hawks without a fight.

The blue jays that nest in Southwest Michigan do not migrate, but will move their daily haunts nearer to reliable food sources such as oaks trees and bird feeder, as needed.

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Get outside and celebrate the glory of Michigan's fall color

By KATHLEEN LAVEY
Michigan Department of Natural Resources

There is only one thing to do as Michigan's air grows crisp, temperatures fall and trees turn from green to glorious shades of yellow, orange and red: revel in it.

Michigan's 19.3 million acres of forest land are ready to put on their annual show for leaf peepers, beginning now in the Upper Peninsula and spreading southward through October.

Enjoying fall color may be the perfect pastime for 2020, given the coronavirus pandemic. Take an outdoor hike or climb on bikes and hit the trails with appropriate social distancing, or just stay in the bubble of your own vehicle as you enjoy fall color from a drive along winding country roads.

"Fall color season is an incredible time to enjoy what Michigan's forests have to offer," said Jeff Stampfly, acting chief of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Forest Resources Division, which manages 4 million acres of state forest lands. "From U.P. waterfalls to the forests of the northern Lower Peninsula, there's something everyone can enjoy."

Leaf colors vary by tree species – for example, oaks turn red or brown, aspen turn golden yellow and dogwood, purplish red. Maples turn scarlet, orange-red or yellow, depending on species.

Here are some fall color possibilities, starting in the northwest corner of the U.P. and moving south through the state. Check out the DNR's fall color map to help plan your viewing.

Michigan DNR photo

An autumn scene on the Dead River in Marquette County.

Hit the Porkies: Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park in Ontonagon and Gogebic counties is 60,000 acres of forest that includes a backdrop of old-growth hemlock trees. The spectacular Lake of the Clouds is nestled among color-covered hills and includes an accessible viewing area. The park's visitor center off South Boundary Road near the County Road 107 intersection, is open with reduced hours this season. It offers exhibits and programs that tell the story of the U.P.'s forests and mountains. Off-road vehicle enthusiasts will surely enjoy the Bill Nichols Trail, which features triple trestles over the Ontonagon River.

The Keweenaw is cool: You'll see plenty of fall color just getting to the Keweenaw Peninsula, Michigan's northernmost tip. Learn some history while you're at it with a visit to Fort Wilkins Historic State Park. Catch great views from Brockway Mountain Drive or trek to your choice of lighthouses with fall color as a backdrop.

Watch for waterfalls: Waterfalls are also popular spots for catching fall color in the western U.P, including the Presque Isle River falls – there are three separate waterfalls in a close series – in the Porkies, where old-growth maple trees provide plenty of color. Visitors also can check out Bond Falls and Agate Falls state scenic sites. Bond Falls includes an accessible boardwalk with six viewing locations. Below the Mackinac Bridge, Ocqueoc Falls in the northern Lower Peninsula has an accessible trail and viewing deck.

And then, of course, there is the big kahuna of Michigan waterfalls, Tahquamenon Falls north of Newberry. Two sets of falls are the centerpiece of a 48,000-acre park that offers 40 miles of hiking trails, including a portion of the famed North Country National Scenic Trail, 13 inland lakes and 24 miles of the Tahquamenon River. The Upper Falls is the largest waterfall east of the Mississippi at 200 feet across with a 50-foot drop. The tea-colored water that flows over the falls is the result of tannins leached from cedar swamps.

Pigeon River Country: The Pigeon River Country State Forest covers more than 107,000 acres in the northeastern Lower Peninsula and is home to Michigan's elk herd. The century-old forest offers stunning fall color opportunities, fishing, camping and hiking. Visitors need to be aware that the area is managed to maintain the wilderness feel that Ernest Hemingway glowingly described a century ago, and cell phone maps don't always work.

Hartwick Pines: Majestic white pines help create a stunning backdrop for fall color at Hartwick Pines State Park. The 9,672-acre park overlooks the AuSable River's East Branch, includes four small lakes with evocative names like Bright and Glory and rolling hills clad in orange, yellow and russet tones. A visitors' center and old-time logging camp help tell the story of Michigan's rich forest history for park guests.

Ludington area: Ludington State Park includes more than 18 miles of trails, a canoe trail, Lake Michigan shoreline, the Big Sable River and inland Hamlin Lake, all packed onto 5,300 forested acres. Hike, paddle and camp your way into fall colors.

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Reporting for duty

A month and a half ago, I opened the mailbox and there it was: a letter from Berrien County Trial Court.

I couldn't remember breaking any laws – at least not recently – so it could only mean one thing: jury duty.

Andy Steinke

But wait, who was it addressed to? I live with another adult. I crossed my fingers and checked the address window.

Me. It was me. They'd finally found me. My nearly 17-year run was over.

I had never received a jury duty summons before, let alone served on a jury. My wife, on the other hand, has received three or four summons over the years. I was beginning to think they liked her more than me.

This week was my week for duty. Or at least it was supposed to be.

The way the system works now is you call a hotline Sunday through Thursday nights to see if you are needed to report for duty the following day. It sure beats going to the courthouse every day and waiting for hours to see if you're needed.

But the robo-lady's message was the same each night: "You are considered qualified to serve as a juror. You are not yet scheduled to come in for jury duty. Please call back after 5:30 each night during your scheduled week of service."

And that concluded my week of service. I never left my living room.

I was dreading the thought of jury duty, but only because I didn't want to be in Niles by 8:30 a.m. I think the prospect of actually serving on a jury would be exciting. Not only do you get to see the wheels of justice turning, you get to be part of the action.

I mean, just listen to how cool Berrien County's website makes it sound: "If you have been called to serve as a juror, nothing a citizen can be asked to do is more important. You will help to decide what happens to the liberty or property of other people. You will want to do your best to assure that the jury on which you sit returns a fair and impartial verdict."

I feel like jurors should get a scepter or a cape or something. They sound so important.

And they are. They're an important part of our democracy. Ordinary people get to be directly involved in administering justice.

It's those same people, you and I, who get to participate in another important part of democracy: voting.

Election Day is a little more than five weeks away. If you're 18, register to vote. And then vote.

Like jury duty, the process has gotten a lot easier. There's no need to wait in long lines to cast a ballot. You can request an absentee ballot be mailed to you, for any reason.

You don't even have to give a reason. All you have to do is ask.

You may not get an "I voted" sticker, but your voice will be heard, and you'll have done your civic duty, just like me, all from the comfort of your La-Z-Boy.

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Ellen Creager / Detroit Free Press / TNS

Horses pull a carriage on the grounds of The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

Mackinac Island offering remote learning escape for families

By PHOEBE WALL HOWARD
Detroit Free Press

MACKINAC ISLAND — Dave Sullivan has gone from working quietly alone at his Ann Arbor home to spending every minute of every day alongside his wife and three young kids with remote learning schedules.

"We've been cooped up for six months and just to top off 2020, the fantastic year it's been so far, we're now doing full-on virtual school," he said. "We're tired of seeing the same walls or computer screens. It's not sustainable."

When Sullivan heard about special family remote-learning getaway packages on Mackinac Island, he planned to discuss the option with his wife, Kristy, immediately.

Imagine, he said, taking the kids on an extended field trip as a celebration to end a year that has offered little to celebrate.

Two popular hotels on the island are capitalizing on the idea of virtual learning in an American vacation wonderland, offering parents a place to work and escape with their children.

Lesson plans have been created to help parents explore the island and apply math, geography and history in conjunction with the state parks. Schools won't be offering those fields trips this year because of COVID-19 concerns.

This is the first time the island has promoted the idea of an educational escape for families, in September and October. If not for the coronavirus, hotels would be packed with meetings and conventions and major events, all of which have been canceled.

Internet and cellphone connections have recently been updated on the island. Tourism officials said working executives at conferences expect it.

Eric Seals / Detroit Free Press / TNS

Vacationers bike up and down Main Street in downtown Mackinac Island on July 1.

Mandi Wright / Detroit Free Press / TNS

Signs pointing out the new normal due to COVID-19 can be seen before boarding the Star Line ferry to Mackinac Island on July 1.

Now all that conference space and all those rooms are available to families. This is the first time hotels have organized major family events in the fall.

Educational resources, now available to download in PDF format, have been refreshed by state parks workers to help guide children on island at this time of year. They include reading, activities, lesson plans, music and games.

Lesson plans include topics such as the Straits of Mackinac, the fur trade and its voyagers, how a sawmill became Michigan's first industrial complex, a day in the life of a soldier stationed at Fort Mackinac, native American contributions, archaeology, 18th and 19th century games, folklore tales, diets of native Americans, fur traders and soldiers of Mackinac, and vocabulary lists.

"The island is breathtaking, but also interactive," said Liz Ware, whose family owns and operates Mission Point Resort. "There are 70 miles of hiking and biking on the island. It's 8 miles around the island. The interior is magical. The leaves are changing. This is a wide-open space, a historic destination, with turquoise water that looks tropical. We have biking and horses and history. It's a perfect destination to bring your family for remote learning."

The hotel has completed more than $12 million in renovations over the past six years, most recently updating its conference center to offer families space to work with their laptops. After parents finish their work and children finish their studies, families can do real-life learning, Ware said.

There is a library area in the lobby with books about the island and its topography, offering visitors an opportunity to learn about science and rock formations and water levels and the history of lakes. There are garden and history tours run by hotel staff.

At Mission Point, which sits on 18 acres of the sunrise side of the island, the two-day family package starts at $316 a night per adult, $160 per child ages 13-17 and $60 for children 12 and younger. The package includes daily breakfast and a two-course

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October doesn't have to be a spooky month

This October is doomed to be super spooky with the upcoming presidential election, but it offers many holidays to celebrate to distract yourself.

For my first distraction I shall direct your attention to my grandpa's 92nd birthday on Oct. 1. I know it's not a national holiday, but 92 years is quite the life.

When I call to ask him how he is, he says, "still sucking air." I hope we can all still be sucking air at 92. Happy Birthday, Grandpa!

Last year, I told you about National Produce Misting Day on Oct. 2, but the day is also National Custodial Worker's Recognition Day.

Alexandra Newman
Let's Celebrate

Custodians and other maintenance and cleaning workers have been essential during the COVID-19 pandemic. Disinfecting and cleaning have been very important in fighting the virus, and we all should take a moment on Oct. 2 to thank these workers.

Oct. 4 offers a good opportunity to indulge in some sugary, cinnamony treats, because it's National Cinnamon Bun Day.

In 1999, the Home Baking Council in Sweden celebrated its 40th anniversary with the first Cinnamon Bun Day. Since then, the observance has spread around the world.

Whether it's cheese, dance moves or arm pits, everything and everyone can get a little funky every now and then. Oct. 5 is National Get Funky Day.

The day, created in 2017 by a fitness center in Florida, is celebrated each year as an opportunity to break out of comfort zones and let loose for a fun and exciting day.

Oct. 10 is World Mental Health Day. I think we can all agree everyone's mental health has been on the decline since March, and the election has only made it worse.

This is your friendly reminder that therapy can be helpful. If you're still unsure, or unable to afford therapy, taking a mental health day for yourself is always an option.

While I think we should all inventory our savings accounts on National Savings Day on Oct. 12, I also recognize the incredibly difficult task saving is for many people. I used to live paycheck to paycheck, like many others do in this country. It's hard to get a leg up. Let's take this day to empathize, and maybe give a little bit of your savings, to someone in need.

We're all allowed to be grumpy on Oct. 15 because it's National Grouch Day. This Sesame Street-inspired holiday has been celebrated since at least 1976, and celebrates Oscar the Grouch's way of life.

Oct. 17 is Black Poetry Day. The day, established in 1985, honors past and present Black poets. The day also commemorates the birth of the first published Black poet in the United States, Jupiter Hammon.

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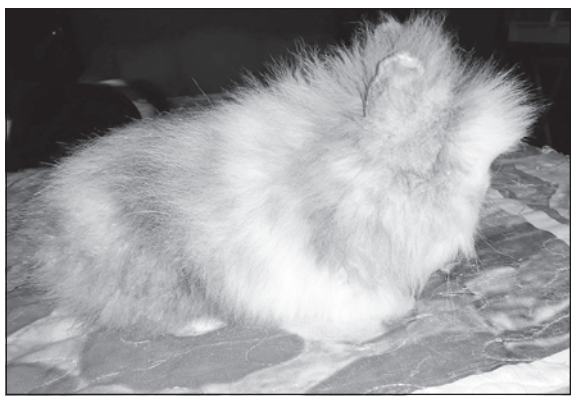
PET OF THE WEEK



Fonzy, a 1-year-old Lionhead rabbit, is looking for his new home. He is very social and quite friendly. Fonzy's amazing, beautiful mane is obscuring his handsome face in this photo. If you can provide him a great home, call a Save A Stray volunteer at 921-0145.

VOLUNTEERS

Rake a Difference

On Nov. 12, United Way will hold its 10th annual "Rake a Difference – A Day of Action for Seniors."

Hundreds of Southwest Michigan volunteers will give senior citizens a helping hand by raking leaves and cleaning gutters before winter hits.

Many area seniors try to accomplish the work on their own, putting them at risk of falling and serious injury.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

United Way of Southwest Michigan

The Herald-Palladium, in conjunction with the United Way of Southwest Michigan, publishes volunteer opportunities every Saturday.

To view all current listings, please visit **volunteer.uwsm.org.**

Make a difference in a youth's life

Youth Development Company/PAL is seeking volunteer tutors for its After School Experience. Volunteers should have a passion for working with children in kindergarten through eighth grade.

Those who have an hour to help children with homework, tutor or lend an empathetic ear to someone who maybe just had a rough day are encouraged to volunteer.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Help foster families

Foster Closet of Michigan – Berrien County provides free items to foster families and children. The items help rebuild foster children's lives by giving them something to call their own, and it helps relieve some of the financial strain on foster parents.

Volunteers are needed to help open the closet's doors to the public. The closet is open twice a week for two hours.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Turn compassion into action

American Red Cross of Southwest Michigan is looking for blood drive volunteers in Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties.

Volunteers will provide a warm, friendly greeting to all donors, instruct and help with registration, explain the importance of blood donations, help schedule appointments, screen blood donors for health concerns, and offer refreshments and conversation.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Help prevent disease, protect health

The Berrien County Health Department needs support as it brings back services. The department has implemented a staff and client health screening upon entry, and needs volunteers to help manage the check-in station at the main entrance of its Benton Harbor office.

The station also provides face coverings/masks to those who arrive without one.

This is a no-contact position. Volunteers can maintain appropriate social distancing from others and personal protective equipment will be provided by the department.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Help feed the hungry

Fresh, healthy food tends to have a short shelf life. To make sure it gets distributed as quickly as possible, Feeding America West Michigan developed the mobile food pantry.

Mobile pantries are like farmers markets on wheels, delivering a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy products and baked goods to people in need, often on the same day the food is donated.

Volunteers help distribute food, carry heavier groceries for people who need help, and give a smile to those who are experiencing food insecurity.

For upcoming mobile food pantry dates and locations, visit www.feedwm.org.

To volunteer, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Military Hero Care Network

The American Red Cross Hero Care Network provides critical services to military members, veterans and their families all over the world.

The American Red Cross of Southwest Michigan is looking for volunteers to help with tasks such as sending emergency communications for deployed service members, communicating with families of newly enlisted service members, and referring veterans and their families to local programs.

Training will be provided, and volunteers can work remotely.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Health care heroes

PACE of Southwest Michigan is looking for medically trained volunteers to help support their staff and clients. PACE is looking for a volunteer nurse and nursing assistant.

The nurse will provide direct and indirect nursing care to participants in the PACE Center and in the community. The nursing assistant will perform participant care activities and other tasks as assigned to assist the primary care, therapy and adult day health staff.

For more information, or to sign up, visit volunteer.uwsm.org.

Give. Advocate. Volunteer.

United Way of Southwest Michigan mobilizes the caring power of communities to fight for the health, education and financial stability of every person. Volunteering your time and talent to create lasting solutions that improve life for everyone is an important part in United Way accomplishing this work. Volunteer today and join the fight, by visiting www.uwsm.org.

Faith, politics and today's America

David Hills
Insights

Some believe you shouldn't speak about politics or religion in polite conversation, let alone both, but some things just need to be said.

Many in our nation like to proclaim that we are a "Christian nation," or the "light of the world" of which Jesus speaks in Matthew 5:14, and even the "the shining city on a hill" of which Puritan John Winthrop spoke to those about to embark on the ship Arabella to settle in Boston.

Looking at the landscape of our society, all of those seem to be a bridge too far, particularly when viewed through the lens of the Gospels. But I suppose that shouldn't be a surprise.

Though there were those who were drawn to Jesus because of his ministry, the powers of the Jewish temple elite and the Roman Empire saw his teachings as a threat.

In the end, the Jewish and Roman leadership adopted the "the enemy of my enemy is my friend" philosophy and colluded to put an end to Jesus' ministry by crucifying him.

It's no secret that political and religious dialogue in our nation has gotten uglier than many of us can recall, particularly on the political side of things. Regardless of what party you tend to align with, I don't think it's a stretch to say most of us agree on that point.

Congressional job approval ratings are at near historic lows, bipartisanship is on life support, and even a hint of compromise between politicians from different parties is seen as disloyalty, if not treason.

I know I'm not alone in feeling that if we ever were the "light of the world" or the "shining city on a hill," that shining light has been increasingly dimming as our political and social landscape has turned increasingly darker.

Somehow the words of Pete Seeger's 1968 anti-war protest song "Waist Deep in the Big Muddy" of 1967, seem increasingly fitting.

Social and political life had gotten very messy, which was not new then, and is not new now. But I find hope in the awareness that, in time, we were blessed to get past it, at least to a degree.

For those of us who proclaim faith in Jesus Christ, and are trying to be faithful disciples in our daily lives, we are put in the position of having to make a decision and decide how we participate in our democracy as Christians. Do we vote based on the beliefs our faith teaches us, or do we vote for those whose policies will mostly benefit us personally?

As a person of faith, and even more so as a pastor, I have long believed that my ultimate allegiance is not to the nation in which I happen to have been born, but to the kingdom of the one who gave me life.

It's not that I am absent political values, but they are born of my understanding of the Gospels as a whole, rather than just the parts that I prefer because they benefit me.

For Christians, every time we vote, the foremost question should not be what we want, but what Jesus wants to do through us. For me, that has always meant that, even if it may mean a potential increase in taxes for me personally, I must seek the benefit of my fellow citizens, especially the poor and vulnerable, the marginalized and victimized; those of other races, faith groups and nations; those who fall through the cracks of our capitalist economic systems, and those who come to our borders seeking refuge from tyranny and the same opportunities to make a better life for themselves that nearly every immigrant before them sought.

The interesting thing about the sermon Winthrop gave in 1630, is that it's very likely he wasn't describing America becoming some beacon of light and hope for the world, but that he was warning those listening that the eyes of the world would be upon this fledgling nation that was forming, judging whether or not we would stay true to our common purpose.

That is perhaps a warning we need to hear and heed even more so in our day, where the ties that bind us together seem to be fraying rapidly.

The God who came into this world in Jesus is, has and always will be watching how we live together, how we exercise our freedoms and participation in the democratic process. What we do with our freedom will say far more about what we truly believe and value than anything we say.

Orthodoxy or "right belief" is just words that are easy enough to say in our creeds or in passing. Orthopraxy, on the other hand, how we live out our faith in our day to day life in the world, says far more, and whether other nations are watching or not, surely God is.

Today's Insights was written by the Rev. David F. Hills, pastor at Stevensville United Methodist Church. Insights is written by area clergy to give different viewpoints on a variety of topics. It is published each Saturday in cooperation with the Berrien County Association of Churches. The views expressed by the author do not necessarily reflect the views of member churches.

CHURCH NOTES

Peace Lutheran Church, 3590 Lincoln Ave., St. Joseph, will hold a Blessing of the Animals service at 3 p.m. Oct. 4. The event will include a short worship service on the church lawn and individual blessing of each animal. If the weather is bad, attendees will socially distance in the fellowship hall. For more information, call 556-7000 or visit www.peacelutheranstjoe.org.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2673 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville, will hold its 10:30 a.m. service outdoors this week in the open field next to the lower parking lot. Attendees should bring a chair or blanket. The 8 a.m. Sunday and 6:30 p.m. Monday services will be indoors. The church will continue to livestream services on Facebook and YouTube at 8 a.m. Sundays.

Three Oaks United Methodist Church's the Rev. Steve Shimek and his wife, Lillian Lewis, will continue a series of short courses on prayer from 10-11 a.m. Saturday and Oct. 3 at Dewey Cannon Park on East Maple Street in Three Oaks. The church will worship at 10 a.m. Sunday at Dewey Cannon Park. Attendees should bring a chair and a face mask. If raining, the service will be in the shelter at Carver Park at Oak and Ash streets.

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MACKINAC

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dinner, including a glass of wine for adults, half-day bike rentals, a round of golf at the Greens of Mackinac, Fort Mackinac tickets, Butterfly House tickets, round-trip ferry tickets on Shepler's and luggage transfer and handling.

"Being outside and having a place to go that has a feeling of safety, this is what we offer," Ware said. "Mackinac Island is 80 percent state park. When you are out of the downtown area of the island, there are places to spread out.

"The island is committed to face masks in public places and staying safe," she said. "As a parent myself, it's really important."

Ware's three children, a college student and two high school seniors, are learning remotely at home in Grosse Pointe for now.

On the island, her father, Dennert Ware, is the owner of the hotel, and her brother, Mark Ware, is the CEO. Liz Ware handles sales and marketing.

"Once you get on the ferry, the mainland distractions are left behind," she said. "You can relax and get away. It's so important when kids have all these things going on in their heads and they can really relax and focus on school and enjoy everything the island has to offer."

At the Grand

Doug Dean, executive vice president of operations at the Grand Hotel, said life feels a lot like Groundhog Day, and the Grand wants to help.

"The things people love about the island, especially Michiganders, seems to be even more special to them during this unique time," he said. "People don't want to leave. It's just calm and serene and relaxed. Families are connecting with nature and the beauty of the island, and the slower way of life seems to be particularly appealing."

The Grand Hotel is offering a family package of two adults and three children up to age 18 starting at $718 a night. That includes full breakfasts and white linen tablecloth dinners. If a family wants to extend beyond two nights, then the price is reduced. If a family stays three nights, the fourth is free.

There are golf discounts and children 17 and younger play for free. And the pecan ball dessert draws raves.

"It's a real chance to turn what is a stressful and challenging time for the entire family into something I hope people will come back and say, 'Remember the time we went to Mackinac Island and we did this,'" Dean said. "We're open until Nov. 2. It's just nice to be able to get outside and unplug."

Tim Hygh, executive director of the Mackinac Island Tourism Bureau, is tickled by the idea of harnessing a new approach to what might be considered a crisis with all the island cancellations, including a fudge festival that was forced to go virtual.

"This is something we've all kind of collectively come up with," he said. "This is about taking family field trips. You probably, as a child in the fifth or sixth grade, took a field trip to the island. Schools won't be offering those fields trips this year. But it's a great thing to do on your own. This is about turning a traditional vacation destination into an education spot. There's just a boatload of history."

History 101

Dominick Miller with Mackinac State Historic Parks has created many programs for children. He welcomes people to head to the island and check it all out.

Fort Mackinac was built by the British starting in 1779, right in the middle of the American Revolution, Miller said. "It puts you right in the middle of history."

There are island links to the War of 1812, too, he noted, as one of the very first battles of the war occurred there.

"We're looking at new ways of presenting our wealth of resources to the public," Miller said. "By re-imagining the way we present our resources, we're hoping we can reach a broad audience, especially in the current environment."

NEWMAN

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National Food Day is Oct. 24 and National Greasy Food is the next day. I suggest eating something green on the 24th and something beige on the 25th – just to balance it out.

As we're less than a week from Election Day by Oct. 28, take a break to celebrate National Chocolate Day. Everyone needs a little bit of chocolate in their lives.

Oct. 31 is not only the end of the spooky season, it's Girl Scout Founder's Day. The day celebrates the founder of Girl Scouts, Juliette Gordon Low. I loved my time in Girl Scouts. It taught me creativity, teamwork, friendship, empathy and confidence. What organization in your youth shaped your life?

If you see a holiday you think I should highlight, email me at anewman@TheHP.com or find me on Twitter @HPANewman.

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More nuclear energy can help beat climate change

Jay Ambrose

The wildfires in the West have burned up millions of acres, taken dozens of lives, destroyed thousands of homes, cost enormous amounts of money to combat and, yes, they are connected to climate change. For years, it has been getting hotter out West with cruel droughts becoming crueler, and some of this is surely linked to CO2 in the atmosphere reflecting earthly heat back to the Earth.

But a much, much bigger cause of the horrific blazes, mainly in California, Oregon and Washington, is failed forest management, and there's a lesson here, namely that climate change itself is just maybe less to be feared than government addressing it in ways that increase its damage.

There have always been scads of forest fires in the Western neck of the woods and a major reason for increased intensity, enduring terror and a ferocity that endangers thousands of brave firefighters has been lousy policies. What is most needed is preventing forests from becoming so big and crowded with trees and underbrush that what you have is a gigantic tinderbox eager to wreak havoc. The answer is to burn parts of it.

Nature used to take care of this. Lightning, for instance, would strike. A fire would start and it would go out at some point, maybe because of rain, leaving bare spots for forest renewal and stretches of other forest lands. The destruction per annum would reportedly be between 5 million and 12 million acres.

Ancient Native Americans caught on and themselves started fires, and even though it took quite a long time, federal agencies turned to so-called prescribed burns that were carefully controlled and then extinguished. Along with state agencies, they would also take it easy on putting out natural fires.

Ah, but then came more and more houses in the forests and regulations and lawsuits and fewer small fires so that the only thing that could go wrong was everything. One educated guess is that to prevent the worst at this point, the prescribed burns would have to cover something like 20 million acres instead of the actual number today of about 13,000.

The necessity of more small, controlled fires is a sermon emanating from all kinds of instructive experts achieving some reforms, just as there are experts who say it is a major mistake to believe something else.

That would be the idea that the deterrence of overdone climate change will be best achieved by trying to replace CO2-laden fossil fuels with intermittent, unreliable, renewable energy, namely solar panels and windmills. They won't save us, in part because the sun does not always shine, the wind does not always blow, batteries alone won't come to the rescue and neither will large cutbacks in energy usage unless we also cut back on modernity.

If we want to deal with the worst possibilities and maintain our industrial way of life, we need to go nuclear, which, to be sure, is expensive and scares some people out of their socks. And yet it emits no CO2 and can truly compete with fossil fuels in running the world. Its costs are being reduced, and we could probably pay for it with a growing economy, certainly not a Green New Deal economy.

We may need a carbon tax to help in the shift to nuclear power, but with economic smarts we can meet other climate change perils, such as confronting rising seas with dikes. We also need strenuous efforts by other nations, which was not a widespread consequence of the Paris Agreement that President Trump abandoned.

Jay Ambrose is an op-ed columnist for Tribune News Service.

LETTERS

Shaming is not the answer

Editor,

The proposed BLM street mural in front of SJHS remains a highly controversial subject. There are two sides to this issue.

Through TV and social media, we are witnessing horrific scenes of violent riots and protests, resulting in bullying, looting, murder and businesses and cities burning. The national BLM organization is funding, training and sending thugs, murderers and criminals into cities to cause this chaos. They turn what we perceived as peaceful protests into absolute nightmares.

If there is even the slightest chance, do you want to see this happen here?! And if there was a BLM mural painted in front of SJHS on Stadium Drive, upon seeing that each morning, how many students would be frightened, or feel a sense of dread for what might happen at school that day. Not all students wanted this mural.

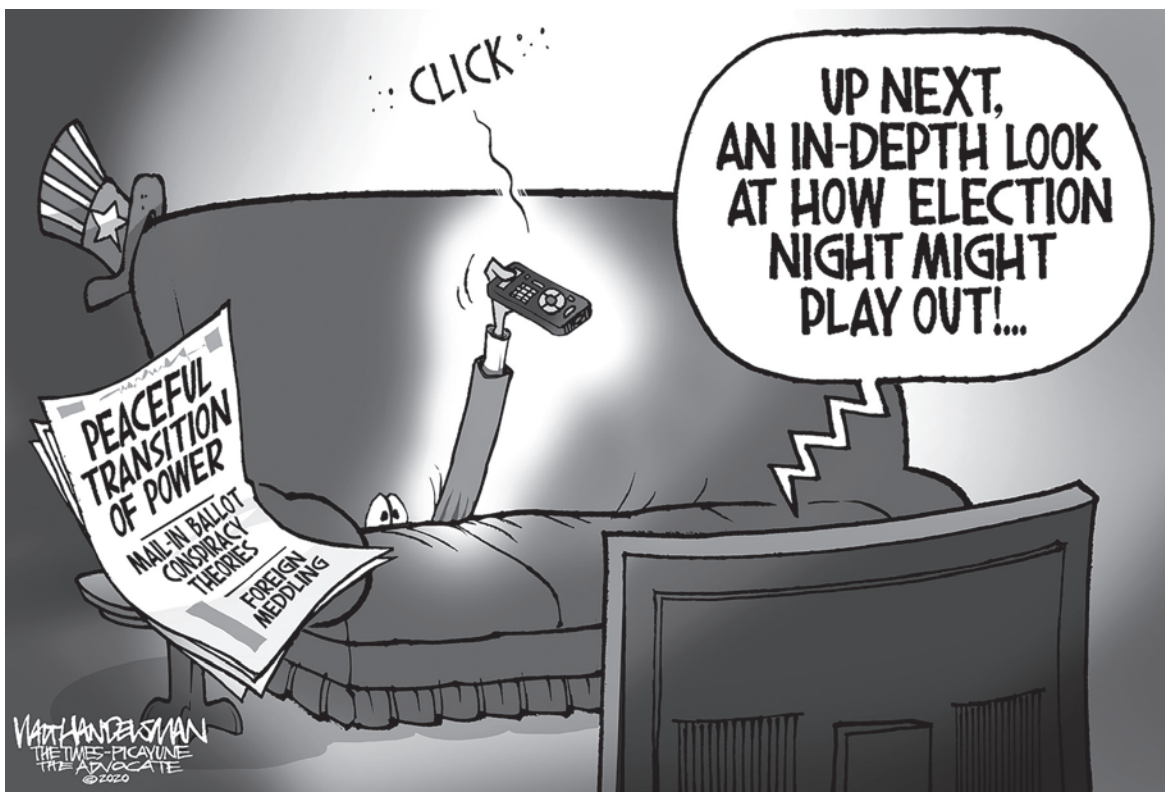
As for the St. Joe city commissioners, they acted exactly as they should! They voted to protect their city, the residents, the schools and the students in this extremely volatile time. We should be grateful for their insight and responsibility.

Parents and residents being openly appalled and shaming the city commissioners are setting a terrible example to these students. Teaching these beautiful, young minds to react with loathing and hatred is (in your own words) what is appalling and shameful.

So, the mural is not going to happen. In a calm and peaceful manner, why not help these students focus on other possibilities to show solidarity between the schools? Reach out, have an open discussion, and be compassionate. Make this a teaching tool, something they can use in the future, to negotiate problems or handle disappointments.

And, yes, Black lives matter. Hispanic lives matter. Asian lives matter. White lives matter. Police lives matter. Firemen and front line workers lives matter. Religious lives matter. The list goes on and on. In reality, all lives matter.

Gail Hellner
Stevensville



Police have targets on their backs

Editor,

Thank you, St. Joe commissioners, for putting the kibosh on the Black Lives Matter mural. We have always welcomed all nationalities to the St. Joe community.

We need a mural on the streets that says "Police Lives Matter." Soon, there will not be men and women that will go to the police academy and want to be police officers. I don't know why the police officers now stay in that job when they are the ones with targets on their back.

What will you all do when that happens, and there is no one to protect and serve, black or white, red or green or whatever color your are. Then it will be mayhem.

So let's go there and paint, POLICE LIVES MATTER, right down Main Street in St. Joseph, Mich. We might make the news for that one. And have some positive news for once.

Lonna Johnson
Berrien Springs

Whose panic is this?

Editor,

Donald Trump has repeatedly demonstrated his dishonesty, incompetence and inability to protect the safety and security of the American people.

The new book "Rage" by Bob Woodward documents Trump's alarming mishandling of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Instead of facing this threat directly to mitigate the risk to U.S. citizens, Trump chose a course of public deception. In his many press conferences and rallies from February through September, he called the pandemic a "hoax," claimed it would simply "go away," and accused the media of making the virus "look as bad as possible."

Trump told Mr. Woodward on Feb.7 he knew that it was "deadly stuff," "more deadly than even your strenuous flus." But he admitted: "I wanted to always play it down. I still like playing down because I don't want to create a panic."

The true panic is not the one Trump claims to be avoiding in the people, but his own, as he fears that necessary measures to limit the impact of COVID-19 might negatively affect his re-election prospects. This personal panic has resulted in the absence of any coherent national effort to address the impact of the virus. Eight months after the introduction, many state-driven efforts are still struggling to reduce cases and deaths. By refusing to promote wearing protective masks and proper social distancing, Trump continues to work against the medical recommendations in place to help prevent infections.

The result is our country with 4 percent of the world population has recorded nearly 25 percent of the world's deaths due to COVID-19.

Trump has proven he does not have the intestinal fortitude to make necessary presidential decisions to protect the lives and safety of our people. He and those elected officials who continue to look the other way from this terrible scene must be voted out this November.

Ed Shaffer
Galien

This election is a matter of life and death

Editor,

Donald Trump has been, and continues to be, an extremely dishonest and incompetent president. This is especially true in the area of public health.

Trump's deliberate efforts to downplay the seriousness of the COVID-19 pandemic and his failure to mobilize a national response to control the spread of the virus have led to many thousands of preventable deaths. To this day, Trump continues to undermine public health by denying the importance of social distancing and mask wearing and by holding rallies with large groups of unmasked people clustered close together.

As a result of Trump's dishonesty and incompetence, the U.S. has the largest number of COVID-19 cases and the largest number of deaths in the world. Our country has 4 percent of the world's population and more than 20 percent of the world's COVID-19 deaths.

As of Sept. 20, more than 200,000 Americans have died from this virus. Many thousands more are predicted to die in the coming months. A large number of these deaths were entirely preventable.

In addition to his failure to control the spread of COVID-19, Trump is attempting to undermine the health of Americans by eliminating the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

The ACA protects everyone with a pre-existing condition from being denied health insurance coverage. It also provides affordable coverage for millions of individuals. Donald Trump wants to abolish the ACA, thereby endangering people with pre-existing conditions and removing health insurance from millions of Americans – while we're in the midst of a pandemic.

Joe Biden has presented detailed plans to control the spread of COVID-19 and to preserve and expand the ACA. His plans will increase the number of people who are eligible for ACA coverage, create a public option that will lower the cost of health insurance, and institute measures to lower the cost of prescription drugs.

Biden will protect the health of our nation. He is the right choice to become president of our country.

Please vote, either by mail or in person. This election really is a matter of life and death.

Larry Feldman
Lakeside

Far left has taken over Democratic Party

Editor,

Let's look at the United States in the aftermath if Joe Biden was to win the election. Within three years, this would become an entirely different county. Socialism would reign supreme. The nice health care plan you have with low premiums and low co-pays would disappear.

Under the Democratic nationalized health care plan you would not have the freedom to see the doctor of your choice. Also, some bureaucrat in Washington, D.C., would be making life and and death decisions in regard to any necessary medical procedures, especially for older people.

Next, let's look at our economy under Democratic rule. Our stock market would tank. Also, kiss your 401(k)s goodbye.

Fracking, which makes us energy independent, would be banned and this in turn would make us energy dependent again which would delight the Middle East and China. The cost of energy would go sky high and there would be a tremendous loss of jobs.

Be careful what you wish for when it comes to socialism. Bernie Sanders loves authoritarian socialism so much he honeymooned in Moscow.

There is a slippery slope between socialism and authoritarian socialism, by which private property and corporations can be obtained through governmental seizure. This would be Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's future world and soon to be the far left's ideal world. You have to look no further then what's happened to Venezuela. It was one of the wealthiest countries in the world just 15 years ago. Now it's one of the poorest in the world thanks to socialism.

The Democratic party has been hijacked by the far left. The Democratic party was once good and honorable, but those days are gone. They are not the party of your parents or grandparents. This new group of left-wingers are the most spiteful, hateful, hypocritical group of people in the history of this country. They would rather destroy this country than allow Trump to win.

Trump has given his all for this country. You may not like his style, but look at what he has accomplished. The unemployment rate has been the lowest for the African-American and Spanish-Americans it's ever been in the history of this country.

Trump passed the criminal reform bill which has allowed for the early release from prisons of African-Americans and other minorities not convicted of violent crimes. He's passed laws allowing for free enterprise zones for minority owned businesses to flourish. He has cut the balance of trade deficit with China by over 50 percent and renegotiated the NAFTA Agreement, bringing back millions of jobs to the United States. He has stopped the flow of illegal immigrants from south of the border. He has brought COVID-19 under control. Our death rate for COVID-19 is four percent which ranks in the top five in the world.

On the other hand what has "Sleepy Joe" done for this country other then enriching his son, Hunter through some corrupt deals with the Ukraine?

God save our country from the tyranny of the left. There are many good Democratic voters who are being duped.

Leon A. Savenas
St. Joseph

Republicans can't hide their hypocrisy

Editor,

The hypocrisy of Republican leadership is on full display this week. Filling the Supreme Court seat 40 days before an election explicitly defies their position from 2016, when Mitch McConnell refused to consider President Obama's nominee for 293 days. It is clear that this is a party determined to maintain and exercise power at all costs.

Also on display is the hypocrisy of Congressman Fred Upton. While calling for civility in the election process, his fiercely negative campaign ads are some of the most provocatively homophobic in the nation. They are plainly modelled after Trump ads, and are similarly filled with baseless claims. Though Upton may attempt to distance himself from the president's most vile, racist rhetoric, he is willing to embrace its spirit in order to win re-election.

I fully understand that this letter will not change anyone's mind about Trump, the Republican Party or Fred Upton. My intent is to call out the truth. Those who continue to support the current Republican Party and Trump need to own the facts: Their views do not represent those of the majority of Americans, they gain and hold power through exploitation and manipulation of democratic norms, and their doctrine is not rooted in Christianity or the Constitution.

Nancy Buckleitner
St. Joseph

Too bad we're not teaching civics

Editor,

We're supposed to learn about civics, government and speech in high schools across the country. Civics teaches our responsibility as citizens, government teaches us how our system works and can be changed, and speech teaches us to elocute our opinions and to recognize deception.

Facebook taught us to believe any post we read to be fact, to divide into teams, and that it's OK for foreign powers to influences our elections. The classes I've mentioned above would have been stronger inoculations if they were required every year of education, or every few years, rather than once, quickly, just before you graduate from high school and forgotten quickly.

Jordan Beasley
St. Joseph

LMC board members deserve re-election

Editor,

I write to you in support of the candidacy of Mary Jo Tomasini, Paul Bergan and Debra Johnson, who are each running for re-election to Lake Michigan College's Board of Trustees. These three candidates have demonstrated their commitment to the citizens of Southwest Michigan by serving on the LMC Board for 12, 24 and 8 years respectively.

While working as an employee of LMC and then when I was serving as president, I found each of them to be extremely capable and personally dedicated to the best interests of the college and the region. During their tenure, they have been diligent in working to provide the best possible service and education for the residents of Southwest Michigan.

Under their direction and guidance, the college has offered new programs and services, constructed buildings to house programs such as the wine and manufacturing programs and successfully renovated classrooms to better meet the needs of students.

I support Mary Jo, Paul and Debra's quest for re-election to the board of Lake Michigan College and I ask you to do the same. Please vote Nov. 3 for Southwest Michigan's continued success and say "yes" to Mary Jo, Paul and Debra.

Bob Harrison
Stevensville

A lost purse is found

Editor,

A big "thank you" to the person who turned in my purse on Wednesday, Sept. 23, to the Meijer Pharmacy in Stevensville, as well as to the pharmacy personnel for tracking me down to return my purse. It is greatly appreciated!

Jacqueline Schmidt
Coloma

BEETLE BAILEY

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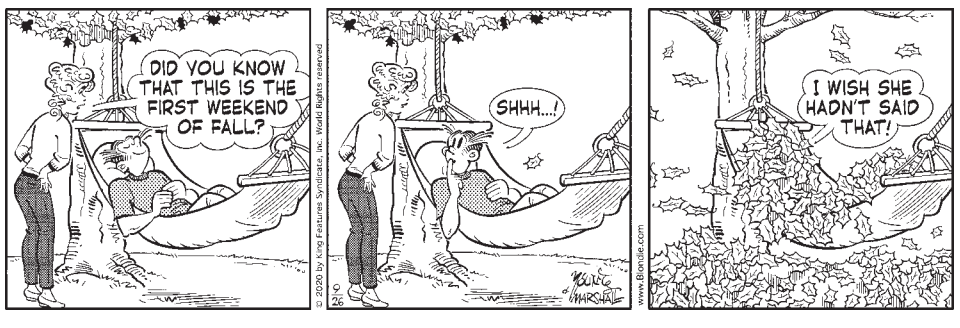
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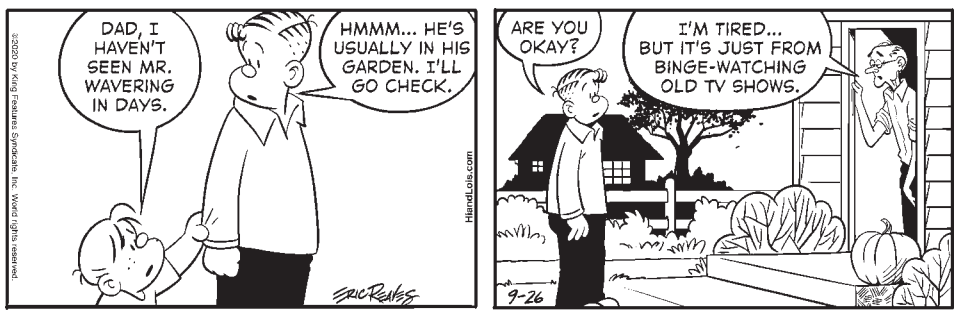
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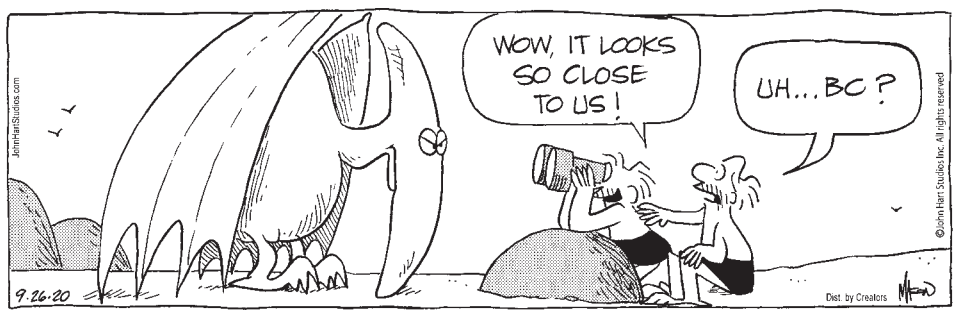

WIZARD OF ID

WIZARD, WHAT DO YOU HAVE FOR BALDNESS?
HERE. TAKE THIS, AND RUB SOME INTO YOUR SCALP VIGOROUSLY EVERY NIGHT
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SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT...
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DILBERT

WHY DID YOUR PARENTS NAME YOU KARMA?
I DON'T HAVE PARENTS. I AM KARMA.
I SUPPOSE WE HAVE LOTS TO DISCUSS.
LET'S START WITH VOLUME ONE.
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GARFIELD

OUR NEW MICROWAVE IS GREAT!
IT CAN COOK A HOT DOG IN JUST 35 SECONDS!
BIG DEAL
I CAN EAT IT IN HALF THAT TIME
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FORT KNOX

HOW WAS SCIENCE CLASS?
GOOD! I DIDN'T HAVE TO DISSECT A PIG.
DO YOU HAVE TO DO ANYTHING INSTEAD?
YEAH... A REPORT ON SOMETHING EQUALLY GROSS.
WHAT?
THE INGREDIENTS IN HOT DOGS.
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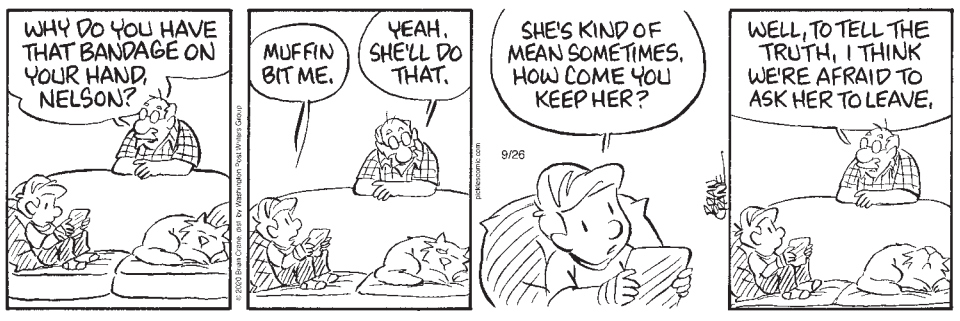
WHY DO YOU HAVE THAT BANDAGE ON YOUR HAND, NELSON?
MUFFIN BIT ME.
YEAH, SHE'LL DO THAT.
SHE'S KIND OF MEAN SOMETIMES. HOW COME YOU KEEP HER?
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WELL, TO TELL THE TRUTH, I THINK WE'RE AFRAID TO ASK HER TO LEAVE.
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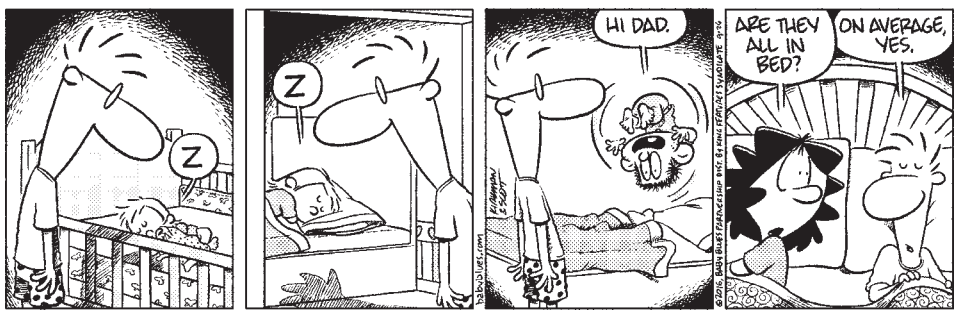
FAMILY CIRCUS

BABY BLUES



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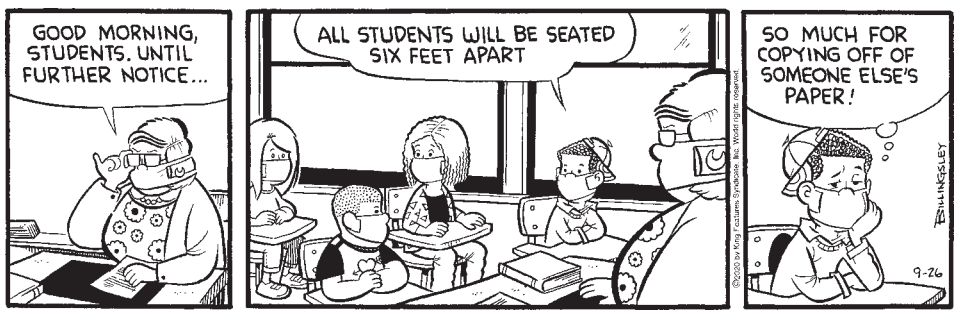
GOOD MORNING, STUDENTS. UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE...
ALL STUDENTS WILL BE SEATED SIX FEET APART
SO MUCH FOR COPYING OFF OF SOMEONE ELSE'S PAPER!
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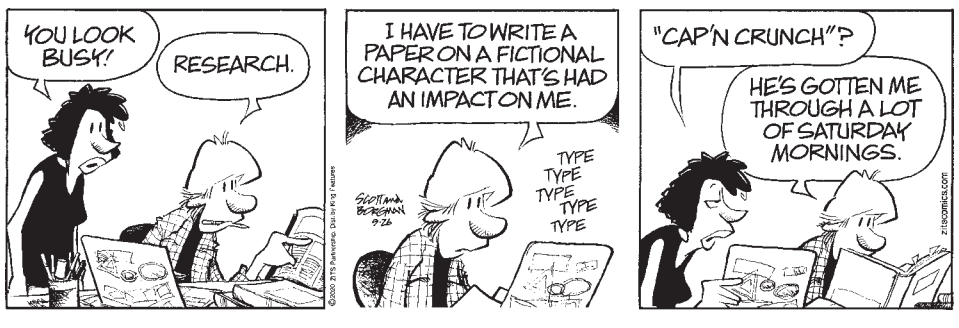
YOU LOOK BUSY!
RESEARCH.
I HAVE TO WRITE A PAPER ON A FICTIONAL CHARACTER THAT'S HAD AN IMPACT ON ME.
TYPE TYPE TYPE TYPE TYPE
"CAP'N CRUNCH"?
HE'S GOTTEN ME THROUGH A LOT OF SATURDAY MORNINGS.
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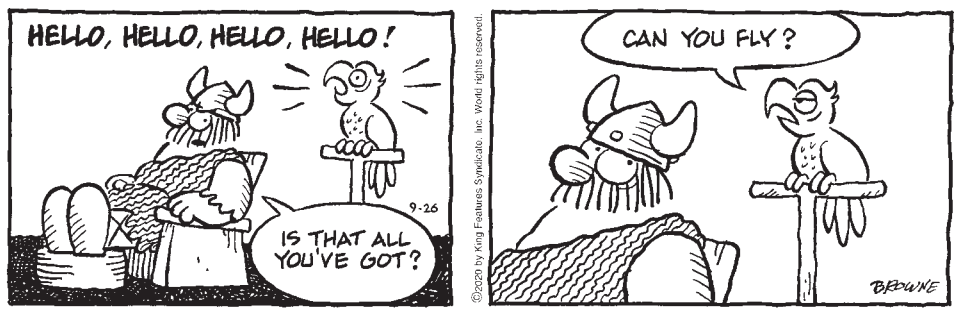

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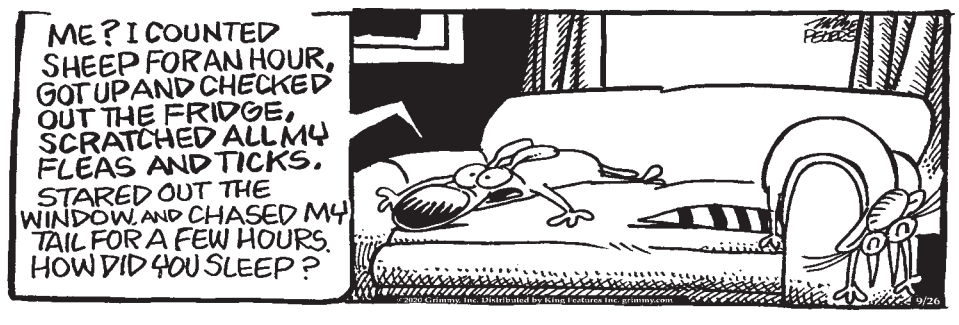
ME? I COUNTED SHEEP FOR AN HOUR, GOT UP AND CHECKED OUT THE FRIDGE, SCRATCHED ALL MY FLEAS AND TICKS. STARED OUT THE WINDOW, AND CHASED MY TAIL FOR A FEW HOURS. HOW DID YOU SLEEP?
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PRIME TIME TV

SATURDAY EVENING SEP. 26

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC (7)(13)(41)(57)	College Football Florida State at Miami. From Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens, Fla. (N) (L)						
CBS (2)(3)(22)	News	Bull Defending an idealistic state judge.		S.W.A.T. "Gunpowder Treason" CC		48 Hours (N) CC	
NBC (5)(8)(16)	Paid Program	2020 Stanley Cup Final Game 3: Teams TBA. (N) (L)					
FOX (17)(22)(28)(32)	:00 MLB Baseball (N) (L) CC					Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS (34)	Lawrence Welk	Antiques Roadshow CC		As Time Goes By	As Time Goes By	Keep-Ap-pear	Keep-Ap-pear
CW (25)	Big Bang Theory	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Seinfeld CC	Seinfeld CC	News	Friends CC
MNT (50)	Graham Bensinger	Dateline "Devil's Bathtub" CC		Dateline "Deadly Circumstances" CC		Storm of Suspicion	
WCIU (26)	Family Guy	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Bob's Burgers
WHME (46)	:00 Heart-land	Heartland The family supports each other.		Murdoch Mysteries "The Talking Dead"		Murdoch Mysteries "F.L.A.S.H.!"	
WGN (9)	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	Friends CC	WGN Weekend News at Nine (N)	
A&E	Court Cam	Court Cam	Court Cam	Live Rescue "Live Rescue -- 09.26.20" (N) CC			
AMC	Rocky Balboa	★★★ Casino ('95) Robert De Niro, Sharon Stone. A mob employee makes a play for power in 1970s Las Vegas. CC					
Animal	Dr. Jeff	Dr. Jeff: RMV		Dr. Jeff: RMV		Dr. Jeff: Double	
BET	Thin Line	★ Blue Streak ('99) Martin Lawrence. CC					Big Mom
Big Ten	Minne	Rutgers		Michigan		Nebraska	
Bravo	Million Dollar	★★ Tyler Perry's Boo! A Madea Halloween ('16) Tyler Perry, Cassi Davis. CC				Tyler Perry's Boo! A Madea Halloween	
Cartoon	Gumball	Dragon	Dragon	American	American	American	Rick
Cinemax	:05 Warrior CC	★★★ Side Effects ('13, Drama) Jude Law, Rooney Mara, Channing Tatum. CC				9:50 Words and Pictures ('13)	
CMT	Big ('88)	★★★ A League of Their Own ('92) Tom Hanks. CC					
CNBC	Boss	Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss	
CNN	Situation	Situation Room		Situation Room		CNN Special Report	
Comedy	:15 ★ Joe Dirt ('01) David Spade.				★★ The Internship ('13)		
Discovery	:00 Dirty Jobs	Dirty Jobs "Buoy Cleaner" CC		Dirty Jobs "Cranberry Farmer" CC		I Quit Tricia Clarke-Stone visits Ashanti.	
Disney	Heroez	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Amphibia	Owl Hse.
DIY	Maine	Maine Cabin Masters		Maine Cabin Masters		Maine Cabin Masters	
E!	Fifty Shades of Grey	★★ Fifty Shades Darker ('17) Dakota Johnson.					
ESPN	:00 College Football Alabama at Missouri. (N) (L)					College Football	
ESPN2	6:30 UFC 253: Adesanya vs. Costa - Prelims (N) (L)					SportsCenter (N)	
ESPNC	Baseball	MLB Baseball					
Food	Diners	Halloween Cake-Off		Halloween Cake-Off		Halloween Cake-Off	
Fox News	Life	Watters' World (N)		Justice With Jeanine		Greg Gutfeld	
Fox Sports	:00 MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers at Kansas City Royals.					Tigers Lv.	Tigers Lv.
Freefrm	:00 ★★★ Moana ('16) Voices of Dwayne Johnson, Auli'i Cravalho. CC				★★★ Frozen ('13) Voices of Kristen Bell. CC		
FX	★★ The Equalizer	★★ The Equalizer 2 ('18, Action) Denzel Washington, Pedro Pascal, Ashton Sanders. (P). CC					Wilder-ness, Err
Golf	PGA Golf					PGA Golf	
Hallmark	:00 All of My Heart ('15) Lacey Chabert. CC			Falling for Look Lodge ('20) Clark Backo, Jonathan Keltz. (P). CC			
HBO	True Justice	★★★ Just Mercy ('19, Drama) Michael B. Jordan, Jamie Foxx, Brie Larson. (P). CC					Lovecraft Country
History	Aliens	Ancient Aliens CC		:02 Ancient Aliens		:05 Ancient Aliens	
HGTV	Home	Help-Wrecked		:01 Hidden Potential		:01 Renovation Inc	
Learning	90 Day	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After?				90 Day Fiancé	
Lifetime	Deadly Sugar	The Wrong Cheerleader ('19, Drama) Vivica A. Fox, Cristine Prosperi. CC				:03 The Cheerleader Murders ('16)	
MSNBC	Voices	Week-Johnson		Week-Johnson		Rachel Maddow	
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	:00 MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Chicago White Sox.					Postgame	Member
NFL	6:00 NFL Football CC			NFL Football From Sep 22, 2019. CC			
Nick	Loud	Dylan	Unfiltered	Group	Sponge.	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Drugs,	Drugs, Inc.: The Fix		Drugs, Inc.: The Fix		Drugs, Inc.: The Fix	
Oxygen	Dateline: Secrets	Dateline: Secrets Uncovered CC		Dateline: Secrets Uncovered CC		Dateline: Secrets Uncovered CC	
Parmt	:00 ★★ Shooter ('07) Mark Wahlberg. CC					I Am Legend	
Showtime	:00 Love Fraud	★★★ Hustlers ('19, Comedy-Drama) Constance Wu, Jennifer Lopez. CC				The People vs. Larry Flynt ('96) CC	
Starz	Meet the Fockers	:03 Power Book II: Ghost CC		:03 ★★★ Once Upon a Time... In Hollywood ('19) Leonardo DiCaprio. CC			
STZENC	:16 ★★ XXX: State of the Union ('05) Ice Cube. CC			★★★ The Legend of Bagger Vance ('00, Drama) Will Smith, Matt Damon. CC			
SyFy	6:30 ★★★ Doctor Strange ('16, Action) CC (DVS)			★★★ Avengers: Age of Ultron ('15, Action) Robert Downey Jr. CC (DVS)			
TBS	6:45 ★★ Uncle Drew ('18, Comedy) Kyrie Irving. CC (DVS)			Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
TCM	Where Eagles	★★★★ The Red Shoes ('48) Moira Shearer. A ballerina loves an impresario and her art. CC					Night Am-bush ('58)
TMC	5:50 ★★★ King Kong ('05) Naomi Watts. CC			Play or Die ('19, Horror) Charley Palmer Rothwell. CC			Dead Night ('17)
TNT	Ant Man	NBA Pre-Game		NBA Basketball: Nuggets vs Lakers			
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures "Haunted Attractions"			
TV Land	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
USA	5:27 Speed	★★ The Proposal ('09) Sandra Bullock. A woman pretends to be engaged to evade deportation.					:27 Speed
VH1	6:00 ★★★ Coach Carter			★★★ Love & Basketball ('00) CC			
WGN-A	:00 Blue Bloods	NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC	

Wife starts to resent man's constant demands for gifts

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I feel uncomfortable receiving gifts, and I find it hard to meet my husband's requests for constant gifts, especially when I feel I already give so much. He constantly asks me to buy him things, some of which are very expensive.

I'm a saver, not a spender, and I try to watch my budget. I already pay all the household bills, even though we make the same amount of money. I owned my house before we met, and he chips in with occasional upgrades and maintenance or takes me out to dinner once in a while. But I pay for the vast majority of expenses, as well as perform the majority of chores. I have sacrificed and paid for all our vacations because I wanted the experience, and I accept that.

The problem is, he seems to feel unappreciated, suggesting that if I gifted him more often, he would know he was constantly thought of. He says he buys me random gifts – usually small items to which there are strings attached or implied reciprocity. These requests, especially when he buys for himself quite a bit, seem like a smack in the face to me. I feel he's impulsive with purchases, and won't be happy until I have nothing left.

How do I handle meeting my husband's need for constant validation without going bankrupt or having all the love sucked out from resentment? Mentioning my financial limitations doesn't seem to quench his thirst for more. – Excessive In New York

DEAR EXCESSIVE: If my reading of your letter is accurate, you are doing all the heavy lifting in your marriage. What, exactly, is your husband contributing except to ask for more? Gifts are supposed to be freely given, not dispensed because they are requested.

Whether your husband is greedy, selfish or extremely needy, I can't guess, but the balance is off in your marriage. This is why I'm recommending you consult a marriage and family therapist. If your husband is willing to go with you and discuss these issues, they can be resolved. If not, please go alone so you can gain clearer insight into what (and whom) you are dealing with.

DEAR ABBY: My mother likes to tell people where to sit at every family gathering. It can be anywhere, including at a restaurant or even at my aunt's house. It's annoying and feels disrespectful.

I'm 49, and my girls are in their early 20s. I try to be patient, but she doesn't consider health conditions or if someone is left-handed.

My older daughter was severely traumatized by a former neighbor and doesn't do well with strangers. A few years ago, my cousin's boyfriend came, and my mother ordered my daughter to sit next to him. It was horrible for my daughter. We tried one more time last year at a restaurant, and it was the same. Since then, we have skipped family gatherings. I don't know why she feels she has to tell us what to do. Please help. – Pushed Around In Kentucky

DEAR PUSHED: Have you talked to your mother about this? She may, for whatever reason, need to feel she is in control. If she isn't hosting the gathering, this may be her way of maintaining dominance in her relationship with her sister, her children and grandchildren.

I'm not sure you can change your mother, but please don't cut yourself off from the rest of your family. If you aren't seeing them individually, please consider it.

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Family vacation 'rules' separate unmarried couple

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from an online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: I am 36 and have been in a relationship for four years with my partner, "Rob." We live together and while marriage is on the table, it's not really a priority for either of us so we aren't in a rush to tie the knot.

Rob's family is evangelical Christian. While we have very different religious and political beliefs, I enjoy their company, and they've been very welcoming to me.

The issue is that even though I am pushing 40, Rob and I aren't allowed to share a bedroom when we visit or vacation with them, because we aren't married.

To make things worse, Rob refuses to engage with his parents on this issue because he claims they are "set in their ways" and it would be pointless to ask.

I'm sort of sympathetic to this issue when we stay with them – their house, their rules – but the big annual family vacation involves the entire family staying in the same house on a beach together, and we are asked to stay in separate rooms.

I feel like since we're contributing to the cost of the house and we are almost 40, we should be allowed to stay in the same room!

I'm at the point where I am refusing to attend the vacation if Rob continues to refuse to talk to his parents about this. Can I also mention again, we already live together! I'd love a third-party opinion on this. – Pushing 40

DEAR PUSHING 40: Seems to me you've got it figured out: You have encountered something so ridiculous to you that you can't countenance investing another day or dollar to be part of it.

OK then! That is a response that makes complete sense and has a lot of integrity to it.

It will also, as these things generally do, present Rob – a being with his own values and integrity to manage – with a choice, which, if he chooses in your favor, will present his parents – beings with their own values and integrity to manage – with a choice. All right and proper.

As long as your eyes are open to your refusal as the first in a line of dominoes, then, refuse – kindly and in peace.

Reader suggestions:

■ Instead of paying into a large group house, why don't you and Rob rent a condo nearby? You can join the rest of the family for meals and activities, and retreat to your own space afterward.

■ My wife and I went through that for a long time because we waited 10 years to get married. Fortunately, we were in a good position to get our own place when the big family vacation came around. That way, we could set our own rules and still enjoy the family; quite honestly, it also cut down some of the never-ending chaos that is my family. It turned out to also be a place for the young adults to gather and be young adults. We were open about why as well. To this day, I still kind of pride myself on the fact that we stood on our own, and I think my dad respected me for it.

Email Carolyn Hax at tellme@washpost.com, follow her on Facebook at www.facebook.com/carolyn.hax or chat with her online at noon each Friday at www.washingtonpost.com.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Pub pints
5 Spanish painter
9 Ka-pow!
12 Sweater makings
13 Was in debt
14 Bravo
15 Millay or Ferber
16 Con
17 Harsh cry
18 Cut the cake
20 Click "send" (hyph.)
22 Cartoon shrieks
23 Proper, as respect
24 Gap
27 Las Vegas rival
31 Fall veggie
34 — and void
35 Running mate
36 Big oil supplier
38 Computer fodder
40 Parking —
41 Ricci of fashion
42 Russet potato
44 Meadow plaint
46 CPA's record
49 Leaves in a hurry
52 Get
54 Symbol of might
55 Help a thief
58 BBs
59 Galena
60 New Zealand bird
61 Must-have
62 QB objectives
63 King beaters
64 If not

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1 Certain votes
2 Dipper
3 Bert's pal
4 Chips and dips
5 Prod
6 Buy
7 Still
8 Farewell
9 Jorge's mouth
10 Jai —
11 Whimper
19 "X Games" airer
21 Mr. Griffin of game shows
23 Triangular river formation
25 Video companion
26 Dressed
28 Snaky fish
29 Recent (pref.)
30 Decide on
31 Female principle
32 Jackie's second
33 Adult person
37 Designation
39 Moby Dick's foe
43 Gasoline rating
45 Port near Kyoto
47 Humped animal
48 Uses a stopwatch
49 Pay the bill
50 Shortening
51 Scrapes by
52 Elevator pioneer
53 Knot
56 Pen brand
57 Wool giver

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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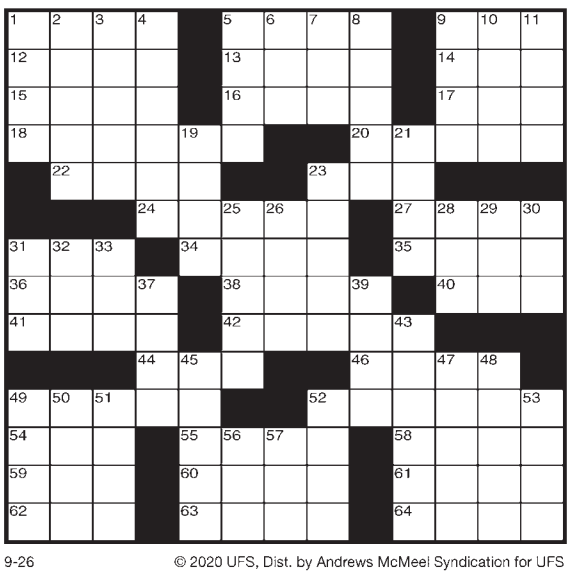

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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DENKE

TYOERH

MRUNEB

That sounds familiar.
You all better run away from this. I'm all in!
You said that exact thing last time you were bluffing!
THEIR POKER BUDDY TRIED TO BLUFF, BUT THEY ---
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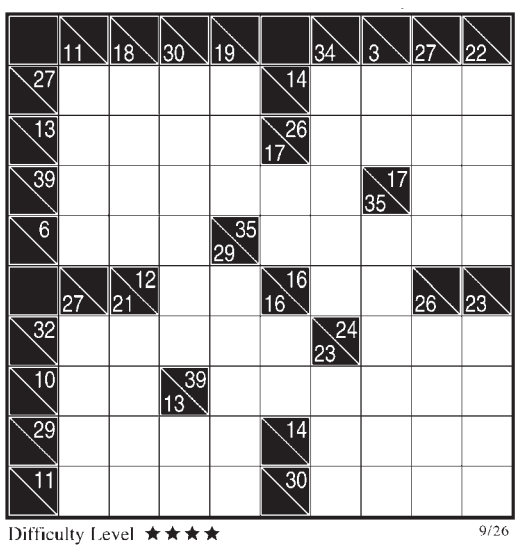
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

"_____"

(Answers Monday)

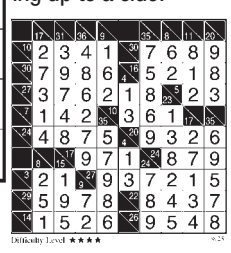
Yesterday's Jumbles: GULCH KNELT PETITE BEWARE
Answer: They successfully drilled for water, and it helped with everyone's — WELL-BEING THERE

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★★ 9/26

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Bill Tammeus, a journalist, wrote, "Oil prices have fallen lately. We include this news for the benefit of gas stations, which otherwise wouldn't learn of it for six months."

But by then, the price was no doubt back above where it was in 1991, when that was published.

All good newspapers carry a bridge column! That is the most likely place to find the defensive coup needed to defeat today's three-no-trump contract. What happens after West leads his fourth-highest heart?

North's game invitation showed a balanced 9-count, or 8 points and a five-card minor. South, adding 1 point for his five-card suit, had no hesitation in raising.

When this deal was played during an online duplicate, at all tables, the play began with a heart to the king, a heart to the ace and a third heart to declarer's jack, East discarding a spade. Then the declarers, knowing that they could not afford to let West win a trick, played a spade to the board and returned a club to their king. When that held and the suit proved to be 2-2, the Souths claimed an overtrick. What was missed by the Easts?

They should have counted the points. Dummy had 9, they had 9, and South had 16 or 17. So, West had started with 5 or 6, and he had already produced the heart ace. If West had only one more jack, the contract was unbeatable. But if he had the club queen, there was a chance. At trick three, East should have discarded his club ace and, here, gotten herself or himself into multiple newspapers worldwide.

North 09-26-20
♠ A Q 9
♥ 7 6 2
♦ K 7 3
♣ 8 5 4 2

West
♠ 10 3
♥ A 10 8 4 3
♦ 10 6 5 2
♣ Q 6

East
♠ J 8 6 5 4
♥ K 5
♦ J 9 8 4
♣ A 3

South
♠ K 7 2
♥ Q J 9
♦ A Q
♣ K J 10 9 7

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Boteh

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 4

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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7					8		9	
	1	2		4			5	
		5	8			6		
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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

4	7	5	9	3	2	8	1	6
9	1	2	4	8	6	7	3	5
6	3	8	5	7	1	9	2	4
8	2	9	6	4	7	1	5	3
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hp HOME & GARDEN

5 things that could hurt your home sale

Cathy Hobbs

You want to refresh your home. But where do you start? Perhaps you are also thinking about renovation vs. resale value. Those looking to sell their homes for top dollar in the quickest amount of time also need to keep potential buyers in mind.

When it comes time to sell a property, it's no longer someone's home, but a product on the market that will be compared with others.

Some items that served a homeowner well may be potential negatives.

Here are five decorator/designer items that may hurt a potential real estate sale.

Transforming or altering bedrooms

If you have a home that has four bedrooms, you are going to want potential buyers to see four bedrooms.

Transforming a bedroom into a walk-in closet or that darkroom you have always wanted may be something you will enjoy while you are living in the home, but it will be a big turnoff to potential buyers.

Carpeting

While it is lush to have something soft underfoot, the reality is most potential buyers prefer hardwood flooring.

Many will see carpeting as traps for odors such as pet smells, too hard to keep clean or personalized in color.

Accent walls

Accent walls are a popular, inexpensive decorating tip. However, many potential buyers view even small, quick fixes like changing paint as money, worry and work.

Small appliances

While you may be pressed for space and like the slimline version of your favorite appliance, most buyers prefer to see full-size appliances.

Appliances are expensive, and many homeowners will not want to have to purchase new ones when they buy your home.

Pools and hot tubs

These may be a status symbol in your neighborhood, and if you live in a hot climate, they might be a necessity.

Even so, many buyers see pools as a negative, especially families with young children who may have safety concerns.

Many buyers are also turned off by hot tubs and view them as a potential breeding ground for germs.

Both are seen as potential negatives because of maintenance costs.

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FALL HOME DECOR TRENDS

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Comforting hues, flexible design

By KIM COOK
Associated Press

In recent years, brown anything in a living space was considered by some arbiters of decor as drab and outdated.

But this fall, the hue is back in favor, in part because of the unsettled, anxious state of the world.

"Brown traditionally makes people feel comfortable and safe, and those are feelings that many of us are looking to our homes to provide," says interior designer Dawn Hamilton of Oakland Park, Fla.

It's just one of the trends in decor this season, when the pandemic has made home an even more essential space for living, working, studying and more. Also on the watch list: flexible rooms, indoor and out.

Cozy palette

Hamilton says today's brown palette is being used in new ways, as a neutral in all kinds of materials, and as an accent color.

"Brown feels very earthy and rich. It's warm and inviting, and has the same grounding properties as black, although it's not quite as harsh," she says.

New York designer Becky Shea also cites brown's organic versatility: "It's a tone that works cohesively with neutrals as well as dark, bold tones like navy, graphite and black."

Eilyn Jimenez of Sire Design in Miami is adding a mocha brown vanity to the guest bathroom of a "minimalist, French chateau-style" home she's designing.

"It adds a layer of depth with a vintage feel," she says.

Don't overdo brown, she warns, but blend it with modern materials like marble for beautiful juxtapositions.

"Bringing it in with light woods, leathers and other natural materials can help make a space feel timeless," Jimenez says.

Melissa Morgan of M Interiors in San Antonio, Texas, thinks brown's rebirth is "a reaction to years of very light, tonal interiors. Clients are looking for warmth and sanctuary in their homes more than ever."

Lighter, yellowish browns, like caramel, often work well in leather.

"In upholstery, we consider saddle leather to be a form of brown that's like a trusty pair of blue jeans – it goes with everything," Chicago designer Brynn Olson says.

Soft browns and caramels are also appearing in pillows, lamps and drapes.

Caning is on trend too, says Amy Leferink of Interior Impressions in Woodbury, Minn.

As for furniture, Olson likes the effect of brown stains on walnut and white oak, and says a beautifully stained built-in is timeless.

"Natural walnut will always feel fresh, and we love to pair it with bright white decor such as plaster vases, for a sophisticated pairing of textures," she says.

That brown-and-white combo has been a favorite of decorating icons, including Billy Baldwin, New York City designer Glenn Gissler says. Baldwin's apartment in Manhattan featured a mix of glossy brown walls, white and chartreuse furniture, and brass accents.

Inspired, Gissler recently painted a New York loft in a deep, rich brown, with columns and ceilings in crisp white. A long, tuxedo-style sofa in milk-chocolatey velvet anchors the space, along with tonal modern art.

Colors like purples and blues, of any intensity, also complement brown.

Comfort and flexibility

"Home has always been a refuge for recharging and relaxing; it's going to become even more so," says architect Jeffrey Dungan of Birmingham, Ala.

The ideal room now, he says, converts easily from family room to office, studio, guest room or self-quarantine space.

Outdoor spaces, too, must be flexible.

"Can we design outdoor spaces that still have privacy, which become oases to enjoy fresh air and sunlight without being in public?" Dungan says.

Some designers say that because of quarantining and the variety of uses expected from rooms, they're getting requests for more self-contained rooms.

"We'll be saying goodbye to one of the main trends of recent years: open-plan spaces, with the entrance, living room, dining space and kitchen united," Ukrainian architect Sergey Makhno wrote recently in Dezeen magazine.

He says some clients want a separate entrance area, where shoes, clothing and belongings can be sequestered from the main living areas.

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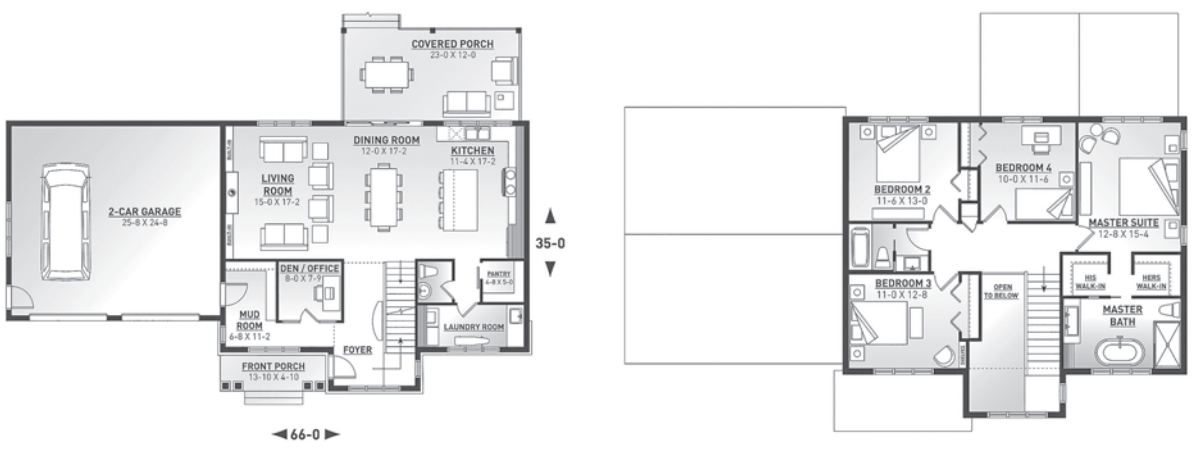

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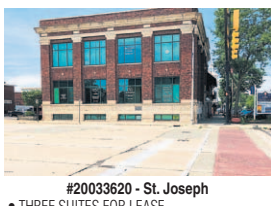

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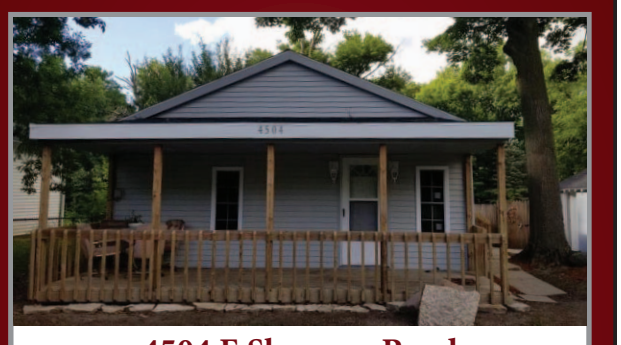

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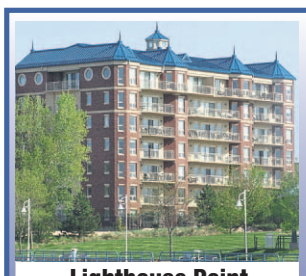

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Date of Birth: 09/01/1947

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Job Type: Part-time
Pay: $9.45 per hour

To apply: Email Bruce
btheisen@heraldpalladium.com

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The Herald-Palladium

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The Herald-Palladium is looking for a Customer Service Representative

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Email your resume to Angelique:
apetersen@thehp.com

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Notice of Registration for the Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2019
Hagar Township, Michigan

To the Qualified Electors of Hagar Township:

Please take notice that any qualified elector of Hagar Township who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the Township Clerk, a Secretary of State branch office, another designated state agency, or online through the Secretary of State. Registration forms can be obtained at mi.gov/vote and mailed to the Township Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person is Monday, October 19th.

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.497) at the Hagar Township Hall, located at 3900 Riverside Rd, Benton Harbor, MI at the following times:

Regular business hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9am-1pm, Wednesday 3-7pm, and Friday 9am-1pm and 2pm-5pm.

Saturday, October 31 8am-4pm

Election Day, Tuesday November 3, 7am-8pm

Please take notice that the electors of Hagar Township will be voting on the following millage proposal as presented and listed below:

Operating Millage Renewal and Increase

Shall Hagar Township, Berrien County, Michigan levy a renewal of .3655 mills ($.3655 per $1,000 of taxable value) in the years 2020 through 2023 inclusive, for general operating purposes which will raise in the first year of the levy, the sum of approximately $65,914.

Full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the Hagar Township Hall, 3900 Riverside Rd, Benton Harbor, MI. A sample ballot may be viewed at mi.gov/vote

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations should contact the clerk's office.

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CROSSWORD

Crossword Answers D4

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

"PET FLICKS" By PAUL COULTER

ACROSS
1 Like some stressed text
7 Perfect pass
13 Imp
19 Rattler commonly used in pairs
20 University staying power?
21 Mild, in Milan
22 Film with a feline baseball ace?
24 Not on TV yet
25 Roy Rogers' birth name
26 Ninja Turtles' ally April __
27 One end of the Chicago L's Blue Line
29 Shattering grenade, to a GI
30 Shunned the paper clip
32 Biopic about Frank from "Men in Black"?
34 Scraps
38 Cookout glowers
40 Artist's asset
41 Clicked ballot
42 __ Martin: Bond's car
44 AOL alternative
45 Flier to Oslo
48 Comedy about a lost mutt?
53 Sports channel that shows college games
55 High-five, e.g.
56 "Insecure" star Rae
57 Not supporting
59 Mets' slugger Alonso
60 Catalog
62 Greek vacation isle
65 Essential
67 Film about a composing pooch?
71 Not alfresco
74 Year, to Yves
75 Sampled
78 Deli order
79 Org. monitoring possible alien signals
81 Gillian's Emmy-winning role on "The X-Files"
83 Settled
85 Small egg
87 Drama about organized disobedience at obedience school?
92 Frying pan spray
93 Mix masters, briefly?
95 Vols' school
96 Golf caddie, e.g.
97 Help-wanted ad abbr.
98 "Me too"
100 Maria __, the last House of Habsburg ruler
102 Film romance starring Puss?
106 Like volcanic rock
109 "By yesterday!"
110 Clock __
112 Long-legged wader
113 Chops
117 Reeled off
119 Film in which Fido wins a place at the Round Table?
122 Unpaid debt
123 Pump part
124 Imitated
125 Flirts with
126 Rose to great heights
127 Hen holders

DOWN
1 Little devils
2 Detective, at times
3 Affectedly creative
4 Shoestring
5 "__ bin ein Berliner": JFK
6 Holly Golightly's creator
7 __ throat
8 Danger
9 Changes one's tone of voice
10 Québec street
11 With a bow, to Anne-Sophie Mutter
12 Beyond harmful
13 Goes back on one's word
14 Gasteyer of "Mean Girls"
15 Put the kibosh on
16 Wispy clouds
17 Shaking like __
18 Pigeon's perch
21 Trusted adviser
23 Some, in San Salvador
28 Courses for coll. credit
30 Load
31 Assure the failure of
33 Since, in a seasonal song
34 "Bill & __ Excellent Adventure"
35 Throat dangler
36 Beverage aisle options
37 It helps you get up
39 "__ objections?"
42 Horace's "__ Poetica"
43 Last word of the most recent version of "America the Beautiful"
44 "The A-Team" actor
45 Didn't dillydally
46 One chip, maybe
47 Sought damages
49 Personnel staff
50 O.T. book after Neh.
51 Brit's informal eatery
52 One, on a one
54 Fan at the game
58 Clothes line
61 "Lookee here!"
62 "Anderson Cooper 360°" channel
63 Poetic tribute
64 Landmark '70s case anonym
66 Autobahn hazard
68 Censor's target
69 Together, in Toulon
70 Eclectic magazine
71 Chain with links
72 St. Petersburg's river
73 Originate, with "up"
76 A-listers
77 Eats well
80 Theoretical visitors
81 Cacophony
82 Landers of letters
84 Banks of "America's Got Talent"
86 Ancient Dead Sea kingdom
88 Something to chew
89 Yours, to Yvette
90 Kramer, to Jerry
91 Sun Devils' rival
94 Angry 54-Downs
97 Catches sight of
98 Down
99 Ear malady
100 Captured
101 Take shelter, with "down"
102 Fort Knox unit
103 Rhone tributary
104 Pelvic bones
105 Bounders
107 Author Zora __ Hurston
108 Went astray
111 "Horrors!"
113 Greeting from Kermit
114 Star features
115 Put an edge on
116 Benchmarks: Abbr.
118 __ kwon do
120 Spanish "that"
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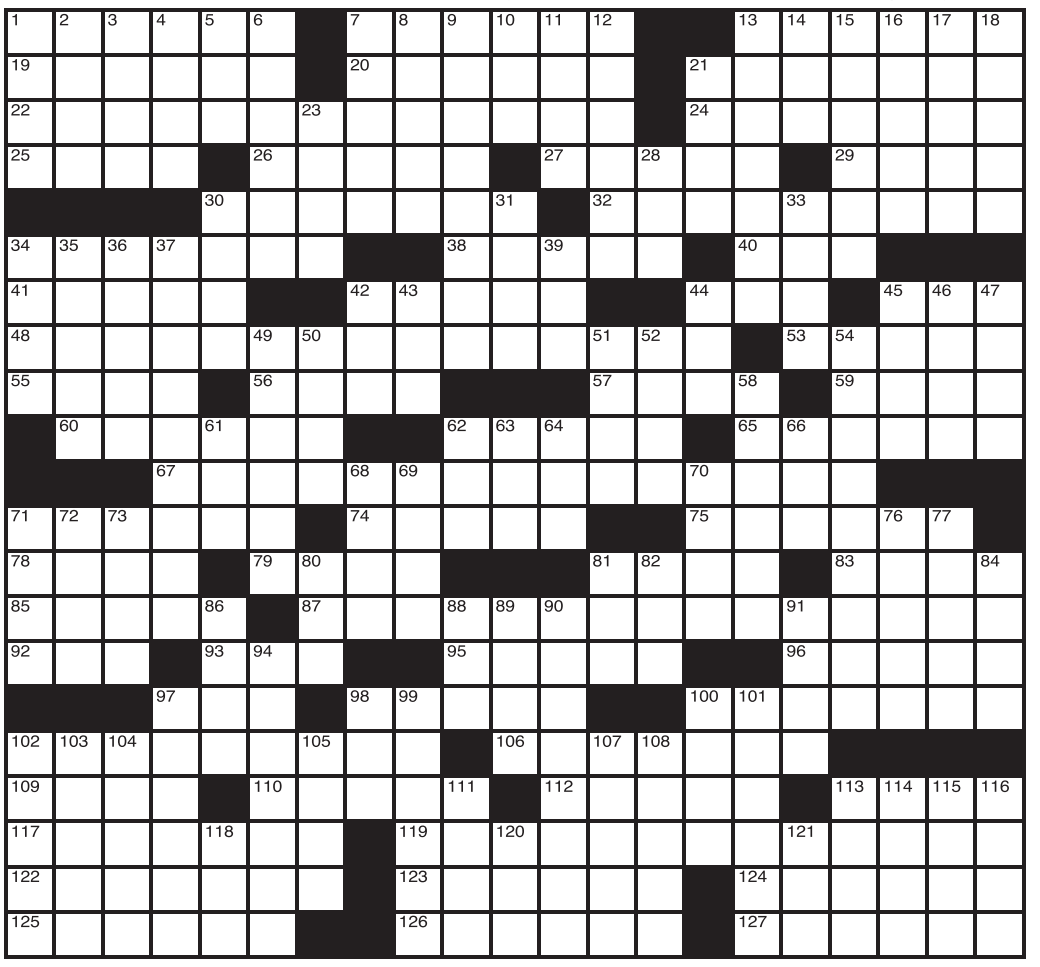

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CITY OF ST. JOSEPH
ROYALTON TOWNSHIP
WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
LEAK SURVEY

Proposals will be received until 3:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, October 21, 2020** by the City of St. Joseph, at the City Clerk's Office; 700 Broad Street, St. Joseph, MI 49085 at which time said proposals will be opened and publicly read aloud in the City Commission Chambers for the 2020 Royalton Township Water Leak Survey Project. If City Hall remains closed to the public at that time due to COVID-19 restrictions, bid opening may be attended remotely by means of electronic communications using ZOOM. Instructions for attending by ZOOM will be posted on the City's webpage at sjcity.com.

Project Summary:
The City of St. Joseph Michigan maintains approximately 140 miles of water main in the **Royalton Township Michigan Water Distribution System**. It is the intent of these specifications to describe the minimum requirements for the leak detection survey and to establish unit cost. Electronically locate, quantify and document water system leaks. This includes water main leaks, valve leaks, fire hydrant leaks and service line leaks. Leaks will be located and quantified using gallons per minute and gallons per day. Results will be provided to the City via hard copy and electronically. Contractor must provide all results and data in the format specified in the RFP (Request for Proposals).

The Request for Proposals may be obtained from the St. Joseph City Clerk's Office or the City website (www.sjcity.com).

Proposals due by Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 3:00 PM. Submit bids in a sealed envelope labeled "Royalton Township Leak Survey" and deliver to the City Clerk's Office, St. Joseph City Hall, and 700 Broad Street, St. Joseph, Michigan 49085.

The City of St. Joseph reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, waive any informalities in bidding and/or to accept the bid or bids should it consider same to be in its best interest.

Denise Westfall
St. Joseph City Clerk

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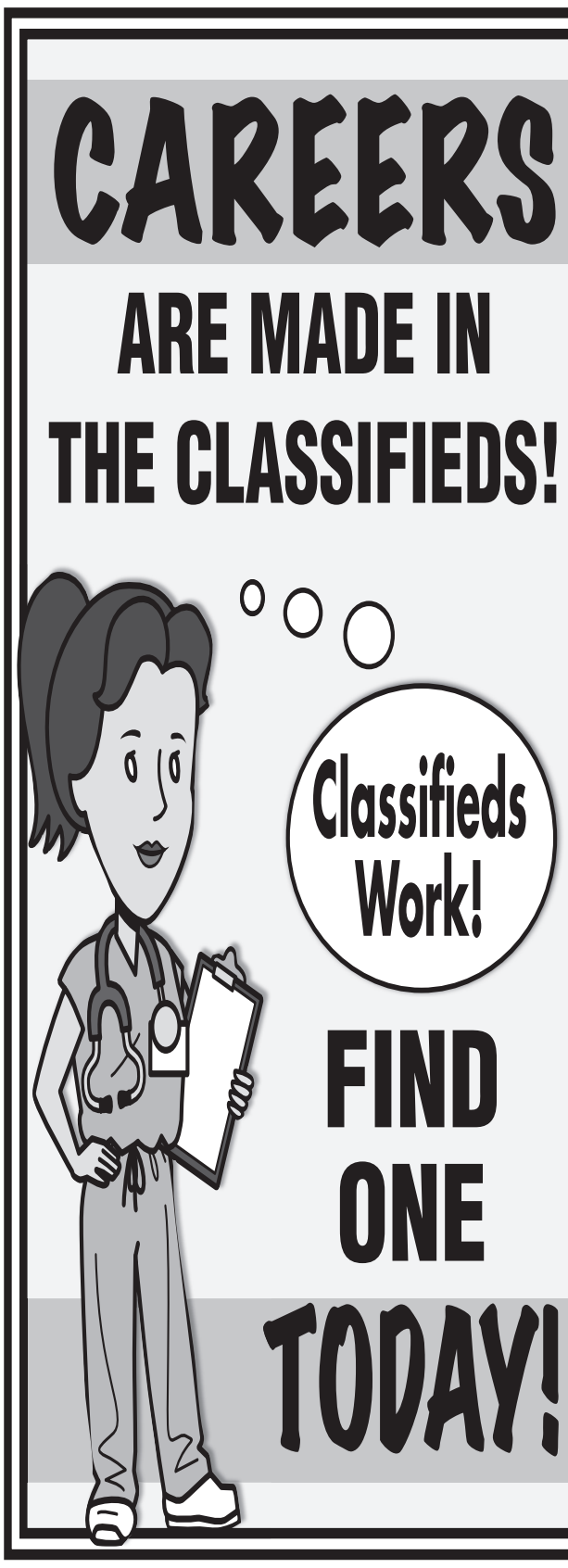

FIND ONE TODAY!

CITY OF ST. JOSEPH,
BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

THE CITY OF ST. JOSEPH ORDAINS that the Chapter 35 of the City of St. Joseph Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by adding a new title and adding sections, to be numbered 35-1 through 35-8, which title and sections read as follows:

Chapter 35
ELECTRIC FRANCHISE

Sec. 35-1. Granting of franchise to use streets, thoroughfares, alleys, bridges, and public places.
The City of St. Joseph (hereinafter called "Grantor") hereby grants Indiana Michigan Power Company, its successors and assigns (hereinafter called "Grantee") the right, privilege, franchise, and authority to acquire, construct, maintain, and operate in, above, under, across, and along the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, bridges, and public places (as the same now exist or may hereafter be laid out) of the City of St. Joseph, located in Berrien County, State of Michigan, lines for the transmission and distribution of electric energy, either by means of overhead or underground conductors, with all the necessary or desirable appurtenant equipment (the "Facilities"), to render public utility service in said City and to the inhabitants thereof by supplying electric energy to said City and the inhabitants thereof, and persons or corporations beyond the limits thereof for all purposes for which electric energy is now or may hereafter be used, and the transmission and distribution of the same within, through, or across said City of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, subject to such reasonable regulation of the placement and operation of the Facilities as the City Commission shall prescribe from time to time and as is permitted under applicable state law.
Sec. 35-2.
Said Facilities shall be constructed in a manner that shall not unnecessarily interfere with the public in its lawful use of the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, bridges, and public places, and all work performed by Grantee in said highways, streets and alleys shall be done so as to minimize interference with the use thereof. Grantee shall have the right to trim trees if necessary, in the conducting of such business, subject, however, to the supervision of the highway authorities. The installation of all Facilities shall be according to industry standards and shall be subject to such reasonable regulations as shall be prescribed by said City Commission from time to time.
Sec. 35-3.
The rights, privileges, and franchise hereby granted shall be in force and effect for a period of thirty (30) years from the date of the passage of this Ordinance, but revocable at the will of the City Commission unless approved by vote of the electors. The rights, privileges, and franchise hereby granted shall not be construed to be exclusive and the St. Joseph City Commission hereby reserves the power to grant similar rights, privileges, and franchises to any other person or persons, firm or firms, corporation or corporations.
Sec. 35-4.
Said Grantee shall save the City harmless, defend, and indemnify City from any and all liability arising in any way from Grantee's negligence in the erection, maintenance, or operation of said Facilities, except to the extent arising out of the City's negligence or willful misconduct.
Sec. 35-5.
Whenever said Grantee shall begin the erection or installation of any lines or equipment, it shall promptly and diligently prosecute the work to completion and leave the streets, thoroughfares, alleys, bridges, and public places where such work is done in as good condition of repair as before such work was commenced.
Sec. 35-6.
Wherever in this Ordinance, reference is made to the City or the Grantee, it shall be deemed to include the respective successors or assigns of either; and all rights, privileges, franchises, and obligations herein contained by or on behalf of said City, or by or on behalf of said Grantee, shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of the respective successors or assigns of said City, or of said Grantee, whether so expressed or not.
Sec. 35-7.
This Ordinance shall be accepted by the Grantee within sixty (60) days from the date of the passage of same.
Sec. 35-8.
This Ordinance shall take effect 10 days after its final passage.
The Mayor and Clerk of the City of St. Joseph, Berrien County, certify that this ordinance was passed by the St. Joseph City Commission on September 14, 2020, and that notice of its adoption or a copy of the ordinance was published in The Herald-Palladium newspaper on September 26, 2020.
MICHAEL GAREY, Mayor
DENISE WESTFALL, Clerk

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HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

You are heading into a period of opportunity and positive changes if you aren't afraid to take a chance. Look to persuade others to see things your way. It's time to turn your ideas and promises into something concrete. Step up, make decisions and control your destiny.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Trust your instincts and do what feels right. Personal improvements will make you feel good and result in compliments from someone you admire. A relationship looks promising.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Gather facts. When in doubt, ask questions. Don't make a move if uncertainty prevails. Observation is your best bet until your vision is crystal clear.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Remove yourself from risky situations, and concentrate on physical improvement, fitness, health and the pastimes that bring you comfort and joy. Romance is on the rise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A discussion with a friend or relative will raise issues that will cause concern and anger, but in the end, it will be what saves you from making a mistake you regret.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Focus on personal partnerships and you'll come up with a workable solution to any problems you face. Togetherness can be achieved with a little tender loving care.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Take control instead of being manipulated. A change will end up being in your favor if you don't reveal secrets. Slow down, and refuse to let anyone back you into a corner.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Keep your opinions to yourself until you get a better sense of what everyone else is thinking. Make personal improvements, health and fitness priorities. Moderation will help you avoid making a mistake.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Slow down and plan your moves. Too much too fast will put you in a precarious situation. A stubborn attitude will not help you gain respect or support.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Deliver what you promise, and move on to interests that will bring you peace and happiness. Home and personal improvements are favored, and love and romance will lead to a greater understanding.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) An opportunity may appear to be crystal clear, but you will discover obstacles that need addressing first. Question your motives and if the consequence of your action is worthwhile.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Listen, compromise and keep the peace to avoid an outcome that will ruin your day. Let others do as they please, and you'll be offered the same in return. Romance is favored.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Having a broader view of what's happening will lead to alternative measures that favor everyone. Be the mediator, not the one stirring up trouble. A change will lead to a new beginning.

HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

You'll gain insight into what's best for you if you open your mind, heart and options to new beginnings. The changes going on around you will dictate how you can find peace and happiness. Enlightenment, personal gain and romance are heading your way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Focus on physical improvements that will encourage better health and emotional well-being. Put an end to situations that cause anxiety. A change that takes place will get you fired up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Look for innovative ways to get what you want. Concentrate on your surroundings and achieving a welcoming space to work, play and live life your way. Opportunity is heading in your direction.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) A few kind words will have an impact on your relationship with someone special. If you make a promise, be sure to follow through. Refuse to let someone meddle in your business.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Make adjustments that ease stress and encourage stability. How you live and handle your financial affairs will be instrumental to your emotional well-being.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Sharing your intentions with others will help ease your mind. Don't let uncertainty prevail. Be bold, direct and determined to get the answers you need to move forward. A romantic gesture is encouraged.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't miss out on something because you are afraid of change or are hanging on to the past. Share your thoughts and make a smart move. Don't take a risk with your health or money.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Refuse to get trapped in a position that leaves no room for advancement. Focus on adding to your skills and focusing on making a positive lifestyle change. Romance is favored.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Redefine what it is you want to do, and consider how to turn your talents into something tangible. Don't let someone come between you and your dreams.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Move forward with the changes you want to make to your life personally and professionally. Not everyone will agree with you. Follow your heart, and you'll achieve peace and happiness.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Stay put, play it safe and avoid excessive behavior. Intelligence and common sense will help you prevent getting into a dangerous situation that will cause emotional setbacks.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Do what you can to include your loved ones in your plans, and it will help alleviate hurdles that can make your life difficult. Make romance a priority.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Draw from those who can offer insight into the possibilities that lie ahead. Refuse to let emotions interfere with making a clear-cut decision that will benefit you and the people you love.

Answer To Today's Puzzle

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36 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,500 MILES PER YEAR, $3,900 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, *MUST QUALIFY FOR FORD COMPETITIVE CONQUEST BONUS CASH, OFFER EXPIRES 09/30/20

2020 FORD EDGE SEL ALL WHEEL DRIVE

OXFORD WHITE, ACTIVEX SEAT MATERIAL, HEATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, 18 INCH ALUMINUM WHEELS, REVERSE SENSING SYSTEM, KEYLESS KEYPAD, AND MUCH MORE! F20354

LEASE FOR $239 PER MONTH*

24 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,500 MILES PER YEAR, $3,300 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, *MUST QUALIFY FOR FORD COMPETITIVE CONQUEST BONUS CASH, OFFER EXPIRES 09/30/20

2020 FORD F-150 4X4 PICKUP

ICONIC SILVER, 8 FOOT BED, POWER WINDOWS AND LOCKS, CHROME APPEARANCE PACKAGE, PLATFORM RUNNING BOARDS, LOCKING REAR AXLE, FORD PASS CONNECT, CLOTH SEAT, AND MUCH MORE! F20204

MSRP	$37,810
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	1,564
FORD F-SERIES RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH	- 2,500
FORD BONUS CASH	- 1,500
FORD SELECT INVENTORY CUSTOMER CASH	- 750
FORD COMPETITIVE CONQUEST BONUS CASH*	- 1,000

SALE PRICE* **$30,496**

(*MUST QUALIFY/MUST FINANCE THRU FORD MOTOR CREDIT)

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RAM CHRYSLER Jeep DODGE

2020 CHRYSLER PACIFICA LIMITED

GRANITE CRYSTAL, POWER FOLDING THIRD SEAT, HANDS FREE SLIDING DOORS, NAVIGATION, HEATED FIRST AND SECOND ROW SEATS, HANDS FREE POWER LIFTGATE, REMOTE START, TRI-PANE PANORAMIC SUNROOF, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, BLIND SPOT AND CROSS PATH DETECTION, AND MUCH MORE! C20196

LEASE FOR $329/MO*

36 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR, $2,900 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, MUST QUALIFY FOR FCA LOYALTY LEASE BONUS CASH, GREAT LAKES OWNER LOYALTY FCA MINI VAN OWNER LOYALTY BONUS CASH & LEASE RENEWAL) OFFER EXPIRES 09/30/20

2020 RAM 1500 CREW CAB 4X4 BIG HORN

DELMONICO RED, 5.7 HEMI V8, ANTI SPIN REAR AXLE, REAR POWER SLIDING WINDOW, POWER SEAT, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, ADJUSTABLE PEDALS, AND MUCH MORE! C20129

LEASE FOR $229/MO*

36 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR, $3,750 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, MUST QUALIFY FOR RAM LOYALTY BONUS CASH, FCA OWNER LOYALTY LEASE CASH AND LEASE RENEWAL) OFFER EXPIRES 09/30/20

2020 JEEP RENEGADE LATITUDE 4X4

COLORADO RED, HEATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, REMOTE START, BACK-UP CAMERA, AND MUCH MORE! C20177

LEASE FOR $179/MO*

36 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR, $3,300 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, MUST QUALIFY FOR CHRYSLER LEASE RENEWAL) OFFER EXPIRES 09/30/2020

2020 DODGE DURANGO GT ALL WHEEL DRIVE

REDLINE PEARL, LEATHER SEATS, HEATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, 3RD ROW SEATING, 9 ALPINE AMPLIFIED SPEAKERS, POWER SUNROOF, NAVIGATION, PERFORMANCE HOOD, 20 INCH GLOSS BLACK WHEELS, BLIND SPOT AND CROSS PATH DETECTION, POWER LIFT GATE, AND MUCH MORE! C20281

LEASE FOR $399/MO*

36 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR, $3,500 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, OFFER EXPIRES 09/30/2020

2020 JEEP CHEROKEE LATITUDE PLUS 4X4

DIAMOND BLACK, 3.2 V-6 ENGINE, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, TOUCH SCREEN, REMOTE START, HEATED FRONT SEATS, REMOTE START, BACK-UP CAMERA, LEATHER SEATS, AND MUCH MORE! C20266

LEASE FOR $259/MO*

36 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR, $3,400 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, MUST QUALIFY FOR CHRYSLER LEASE RENEWAL) OFFER EXPIRES 09/30/2020

2020 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE ALTITUDE 4X4

STING GREY, POWER SUNROOF, BLIND SPOT AND CROSS PATH DETECTION, HEATED FRONT SEATS, POWER LIFTGATE, NAVIGATION, 20 INCH GLOSS BLACK ALUMINUM WHEELS, AND MUCH MORE! C20286

LEASE FOR $329/MO*

42 MONTH LEASE WITH APPROVED CREDIT, 10,000 MILES PER YEAR, $3,500 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS 1ST PAYMENT, TAX, TITLE, DOC FEE, PLATE FEE, SECURITY DEPOSIT WAIVED, MUST QUALIFY FOR CHRYSLER LEASE RENEWAL & GRAND CHEROKEE LEASE LOYALTY) OFFER EXPIRES 09/30/2020

2021 JEEP WRANGLER SPORT 4X4

BLACK, 2.0 4-CYLINDER TURBO ENGINE, PREMIUM BLACK SUNRIDER SOFT TOP, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, 8 SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, POWER WINDOWS AND LOCKS, REAR BACK-UP CAMERA, AND MUCH MORE! C21008

MSRP	$36,025
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 530
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$35,495
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $34,995

(*MUST QUALIFY)

2020 RAM 5500 BOX TRUCK

BRIGHT WHITE, MAX TOW PACKAGE, 6.7 CUMMINS TURBO DIESEL, BLACK TUBULAR SIDE STEPS, 16 FOOT BOX BY BAY BRIDGE, AND MUCH MORE! C20192

MSRP	$55,715
ADD FOR BODY	+ 8,788
SUBTOTAL	$64,503
SIEMANS DISCOUNT	- 4,508
REBATE	- 1,000
ON THE JOB COMMERICAL UPFIT*	- 1,000
SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE	$57,995
MILITARY CONSUMER CASH*	- 500
RETURNING LESSEE CASH*	- 500

AS LOW AS $56,995

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2016 JEEP COMPASS LATITUDE

2.0 EFI Engine, CVT Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 31K Miles, Remote Start, High Altitude Edition, Power Driver's Seat, Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Touchscreen Display, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Black U20127

Was $17,500 NOW $15,434

2017 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 44K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, CD-Player, Blind Spot Information System, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ruby Red U20131A

Was $24,500 NOW $23,998

2017 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 33K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Moon Roof, Touchscreen Display, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Rear Park Assist, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Billet Silver U20174

NOW $31,951

2017 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Polished Aluminum Wheels, 26K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Panoramic Moon Roof, Blind Spot Monitoring, Reverse Sensing System Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Platinum U20123

Was $26,553 NOW $24,994

2014 JEEP WRANGLER UNLIMITED 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 5 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 73K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, 3-Piece Hard Top, Heated Front Seats, Touchscreen Display, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked, Black U20176

NOW $31,749

2017 FORD ESCAPE TITANIUM 4X4

2.0 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Silver Aluminum Wheels, 22K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Memory Power Leather Heated Seating, Auto Climate Control, Blind Spot Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Platinum U20139

Was $23,997 NOW $22,851

2019 FORD TRANSIT 350 XLT 15 PASSENGER VAN

3.7 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 18K Miles, Preferred Equipment Package, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Oxford White U20112A

NOW $32,729

2017 FORD ESCAPE SE 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Silver Painted Aluminum Wheels, 29K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, Auto Climate Control, SYNC 3, Blind Spot Information System Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Black Shadow U20117

WAS $18,899 NOW $17,990

2017 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 25K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Touchscreen Display, Integrated Voice Command, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Granite C20232A

Was $30,816 NOW $29,987

2017 CHRYSLER PACIFICA TOURING-L PLUS

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 51K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Slide Side Doors, Power Lift Gate, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Reverse Park Assist, Rear View Camera, DVD Entertainment Center, Remote Keyless Entry System, Chrysler Certified! Tusk White C20212A

Was $26,811 NOW $24,984

2016 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 49K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Heated Front Seats, Panoramic Moon Roof, Blind Spot Information System, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Too Good To Be Blue U20171

NOW $22,555

2013 NISSAN JUKE SL AWD

1.6 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, 80K Miles, Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Temp Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Blue F20209B

NOW $11,373

2019 FORD F-150 LARIAT SUPERCREW DIESEL 4X4

3.0 V6 EFI Turbo Diesel Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, Only 9K Miles! Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Chrome Step Bars, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Memory Power Adjust Pedals, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Twin Panel Moon Roof, Blind Spot Information System, Reverse Sensing System, Trailer Tow Package, Trailer Tow Monitor, Trailer Back Up Assist, Smart Trailer Tow Connector, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ruby Red C20246A

NOW $54,990

2018 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW 4X4

3.5 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 11K Miles, Remote Start, SYNC 3, Chrome Step Bars, Power Heated Front Seats, Power Pedals, Blind Spot Information System, Trailer Tow Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Magma Red F20218A

NOW $40,966

2018 HONDA CR-V EXL AWD

1.5 EFI Engine, CVT Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 42K Miles, Remote Start, Memory Power Leather Heated Seating, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Lane Keeping Assist, Lane Departure Warning, Cross Traffic Alert, Blind Spot Monitor, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Crystal Black C20197A

Was $26,182 NOW $25,724

2017 FORD FUSION SE

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Painted Luster Nickel Wheels, 33K Miles, Remote Start, SYNC 3, Luxury Package, Leather Power Heated Front Seats, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ingot Silver U20160

Was $17,917 NOW $17,476

2017 FORD FUSION SE

2.5 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Luster Nickel Wheels, 27K Miles, Power Heated Front Seats, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black U20170

NOW $17,792

2018 FORD ESCAPE SE 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Sparkle Silver Painted Aluminum Wheels, 33K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black U20118

Was $19,898 NOW $18,684

2018 CHEVY EQUINOX LT AWD

1.5 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 36K Miles, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Auto Climate Control, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! White U20165

Was $21,851 NOW $20,939

2017 RAM 1500 SLT BIG HORN CREW CAB 4X4

5.7 V8 HEMI EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Chrome Clad Wheels, 34K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Touchscreen Display, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ram Certified! Maximum Steel U20120

Was $32,107 NOW $31,499

2014 CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY TOURING

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 64K Miles, Remote Start, Power Leather Heated Seating, Power Slide Side Doors, DVD Entertainment System, Touchscreen Display, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Black Onyx C20136B

NOW $13,559

2017 FORD ESCAPE SE 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Sparkle Silver Painted Aluminum Wheels, 33K Miles, SYNC, Power Leather Driver's Seat, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Platinum U20163

Was $19,996 NOW $19,440

2017 FORD ESCAPE TITANIUM 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Silver Painted Aluminum Wheels, 12K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Panoramic Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Blind Spot Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ruby Red U20143

Was $23,928 NOW $23,330

2017 FORD FUSION V6 SPORT AWD

2.7 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 31K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Sport Upgrade Package, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Aluminum Sport Pedals, Power Moon Roof, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ruby Red C19274B

Was $23,675 NOW $22,972

2017 FORD ESCAPE TITANIUM 4X4

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Silver Painted Aluminum Wheels, 25K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Seating, Panoramic Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, SYNC 3, Blind Spot Information System, Reverse Sensing System, Park Assist System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Liftgate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Platinum U20141

Was $23,717 NOW $22,851

2014 MAZDA CX-5 TOURING

2.5 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 69K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Liquid Silver

NOW $13,995

2019 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SXT

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 42K Miles, Remote Start, CD-Player, Power Driver's Seat, Power Slide Side Doors, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Powertrain Factory Warranty! White Knuckle S20013

NOW $20,500

2017 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 33K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Blind Spot Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Platinum U20161

Was $26,757 NOW $25,216

2018 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE ALTITUDE 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 16K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Driver's Seats, Leather Suede Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Velvet Red C20242A

Was $33,229 NOW $32,501

2017 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW 4X4

3.5 V6 Ecobogst EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic with Tow Mode, Aluminum Wheels, 35K Miles, Bed Liner, Running Boards, FX4 Off-Road Package, Remote Start, SYNC 3, Power Dirver's Seat, Dual Panel Moon Roof, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Trailer Tow Package, Pro Trailer Back-Up Assist, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black U20158

NOW $39,595

2019 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN GT

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 46K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Seating, Heated Steering Wheel, Stow 'N Go Seats, Auto Climate Control, Power Slide Side Doors, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Granite S20012

NOW $20,995

2018 MERCEDES GLC 300 4MATIC AWD

2.0 EFI Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 32K Miles, Memory Power Leather Heat Seating, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Obsidian Black M20083A

NOW $33,995

2018 RAM 1500 LARAMIE CREW CAB DIESEL 4X4

3.0 V6 Turbo DIESEL EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Chrome-Clad Wheels, 42K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Power Adjust Pedals, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Moon Roof, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ram Certified! Brilliant Black F20205A

NOW $37,935

2018 FORD ESCAPE SE 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 30K Miles, Remote Start, Sport Appearance Package, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, SYNC 3, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black U20155

Was $21,719 NOW $20,810

2016 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Polished Aluminum Wheels, 30K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Panoramic Moon Roof, Blind Spot Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Platinum U20150

Was $24,957 NOW $24,200

2017 FORD ESCAPE SE 4X4

1.5 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Machined Aluminum Wheels, 34K Wheels, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Panoramic Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Blind Spot Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Gold U20172

NOW $20,884

2013 TOYOTA PRIUS C HYBRID HATCHBACK

1.5 EFI Engine, CVT Automatic, Styled Wheel Covers, 107K Miles, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Blue

NOW $9,994

2019 MAZDA 3 PREFERRED HATCHBACK AWD

2.5 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, Only 6K Miles! Preferred Package, Power Driver's Seat, Leather Heated Front Seats, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Mazda Pre-Owned Certified! Machine Gray S20016

NOW $23,500

2018 HYUNDAI SANTA FE SPORT AWD

2.4 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 23K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, Cloth and Leather Heated Front Seats, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Platinum Graphite F20289A

Was $21,994 NOW $21,558

2017 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Painted Aluminum Wheels, 42K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Seating, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Fold Rear Seats, CD-Player, Blind Spot Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ruby Red U20133

Was $25,049 NOW $24,502

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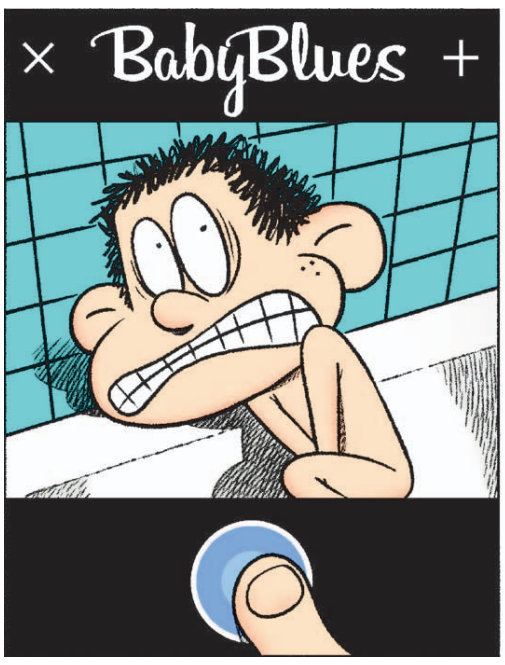

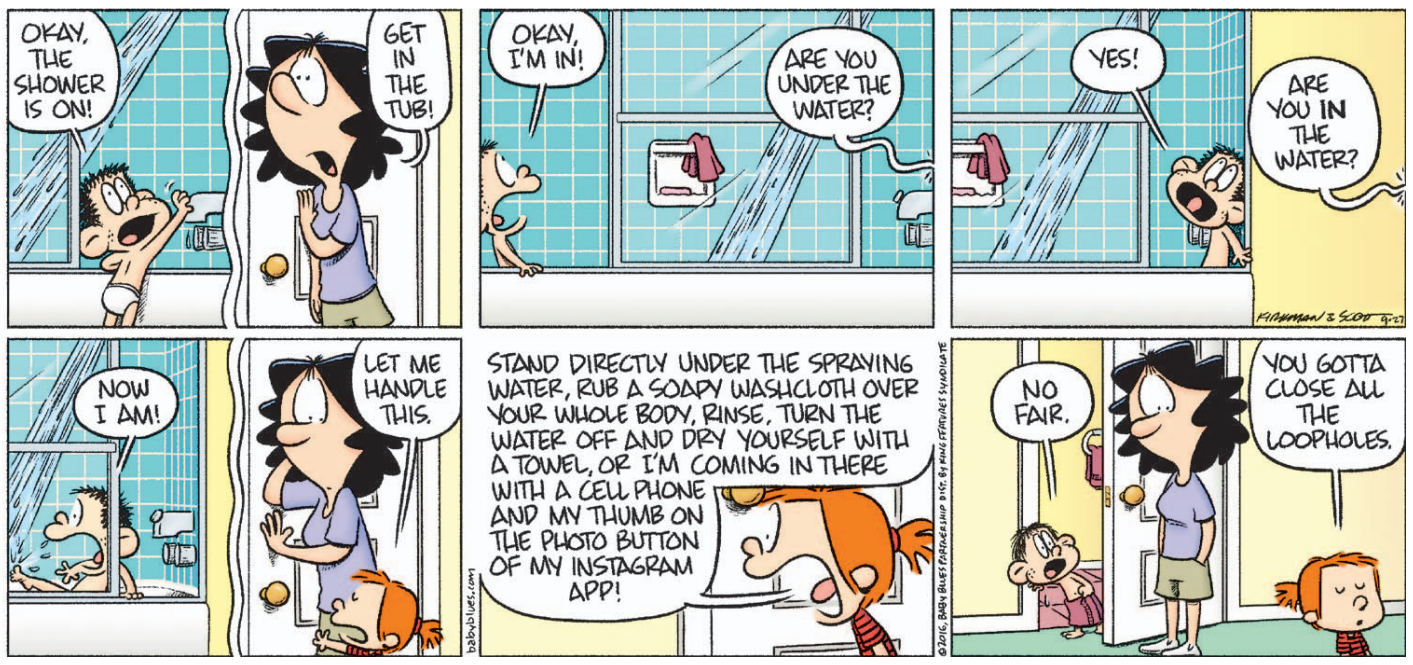
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GET IN THE TUB!
OKAY, I'M IN!
ARE YOU UNDER THE WATER?
YES!
ARE YOU IN THE WATER?
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LET ME HANDLE THIS.
STAND DIRECTLY UNDER THE SPRAYING WATER, RUB A SOAPY WASHCLOTH OVER YOUR WHOLE BODY, RINSE, TURN THE WATER OFF AND DRY YOURSELF WITH A TOWEL, OR I'M COMING IN THERE WITH A CELL PHONE AND MY THUMB ON THE PHOTO BUTTON OF MY INSTAGRAM APP!
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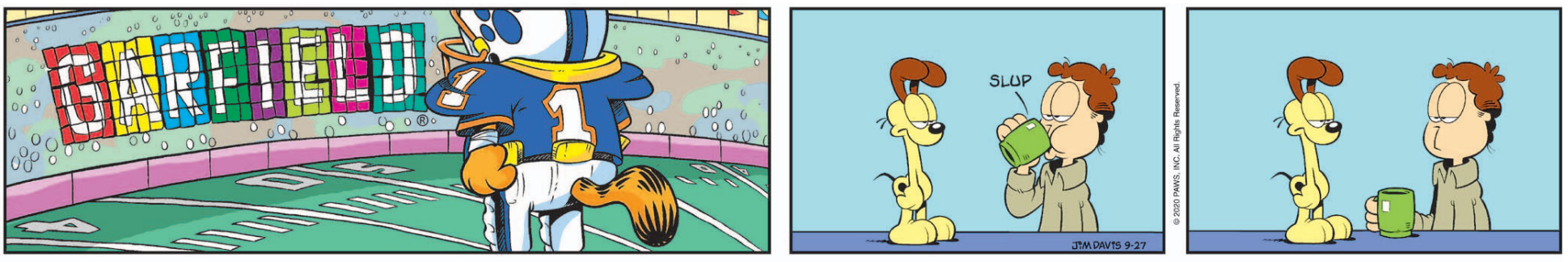

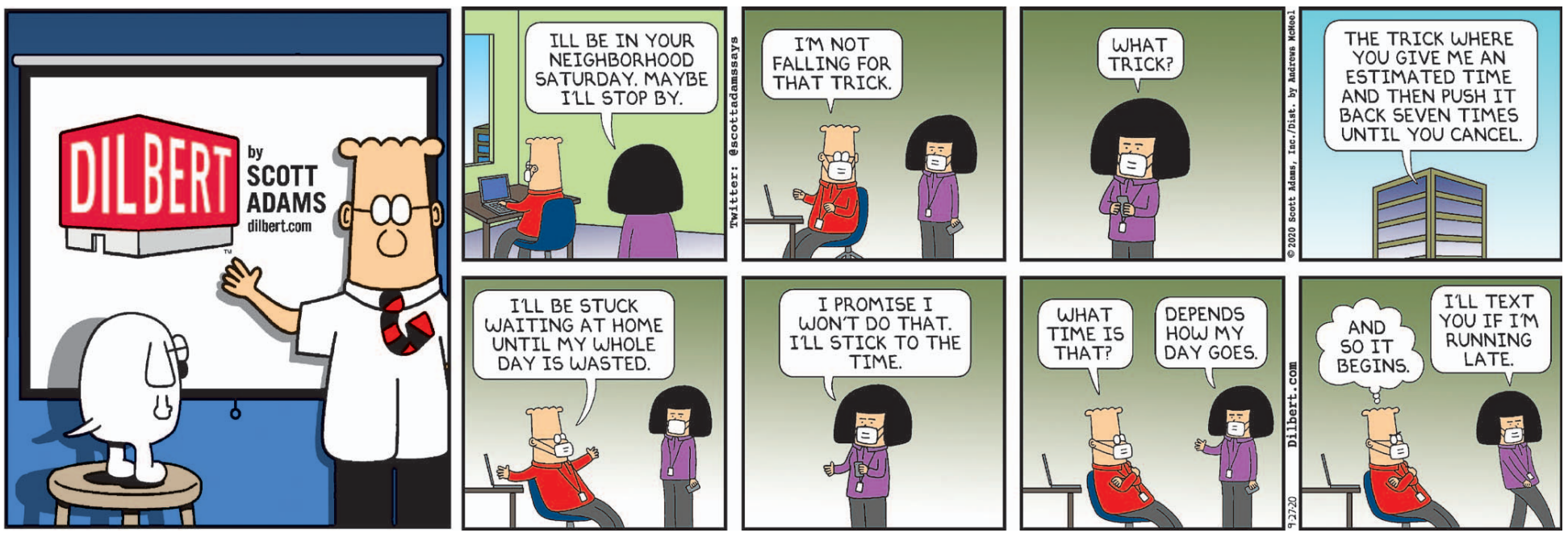
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I'M NOT FALLING FOR THAT TRICK.
WHAT TRICK?
THE TRICK WHERE YOU GIVE ME AN ESTIMATED TIME AND THEN PUSH IT BACK SEVEN TIMES UNTIL YOU CANCEL.
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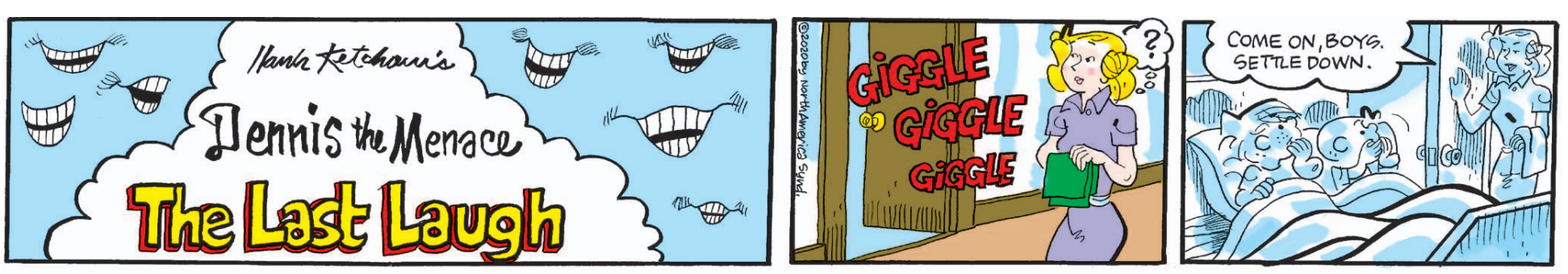

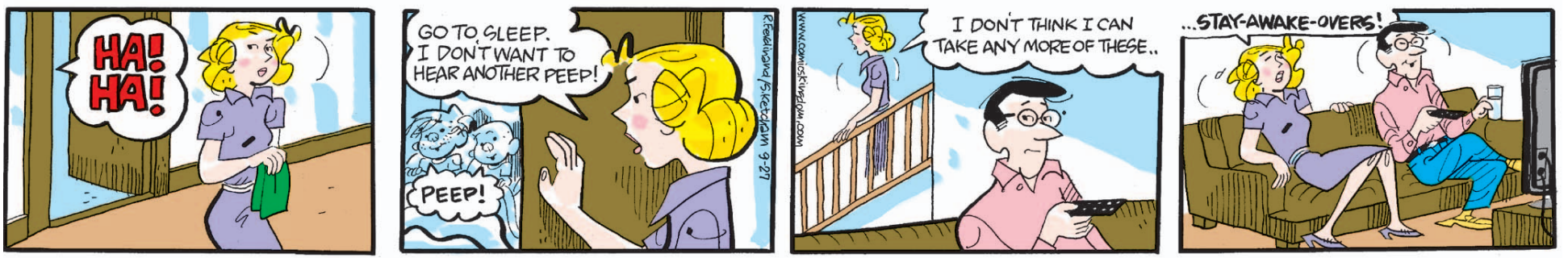

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CURTIS, YOUR ROOM LOOKS LIKE A TORNADO HIT IT!
I'LL DO IT... I'LL DO IT... INNA MINUTE
I'M TIRED OF YOUR PROCRASTINATING!
AW, IT AIN'T SO MESSY! YOU CAN STILL SEE PARTS OF THE FLOOR
SCROLL SCROLL SCROLL
NO ARGUMENTS! GO IN THERE THIS INSTANT-
CURTIS, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I'M TAKING A KNEE IN PROTEST OF CLEANING MY-
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NO, THAT DIDN'T WORK OUT IN MY FAVOR
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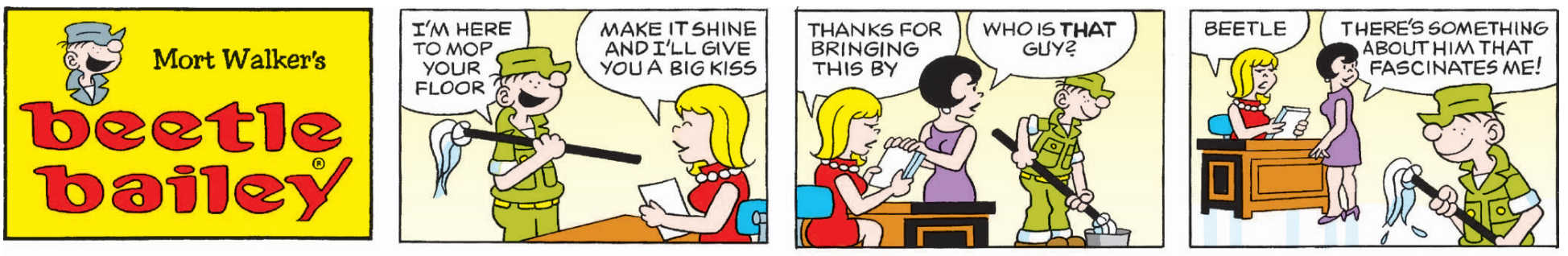
I'M HERE TO MOP YOUR FLOOR
MAKE IT SHINE AND I'LL GIVE YOU A BIG KISS
THANKS FOR BRINGING THIS BY
WHO IS THAT GUY?
BEETLE
THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT HIM THAT FASCINATES ME!
JUST LOOKING AT HIM MAKES MY HEART BEAT FASTER!
IT'S ALMOST MAGICAL!
AW, HE'S LAZY, ALWAYS IN TROUBLE, A REAL LOSER
OH...
I THOUGHT YOU LIKED BEETLE
I DO
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FOR ALL THE REASONS I DIDN'T TELL HER ABOUT!
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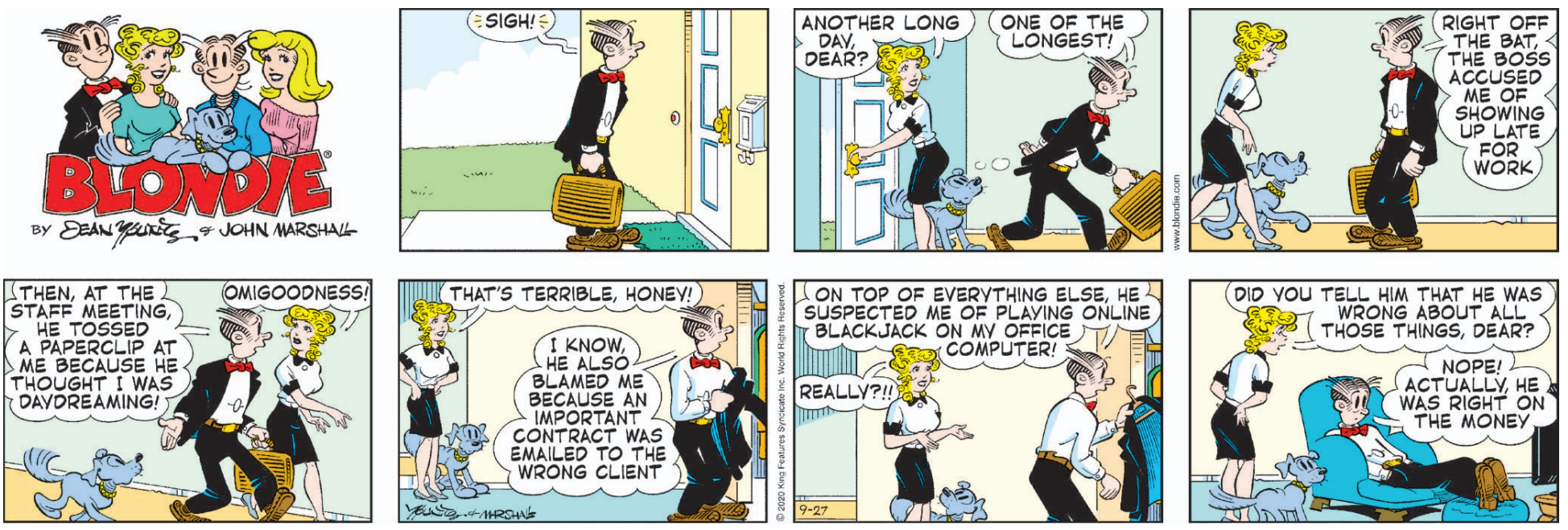
BLONDIE®

BY DEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL


SIGH!
ANOTHER LONG DAY, DEAR?
ONE OF THE LONGEST!
RIGHT OFF THE BAT, THE BOSS ACCUSED ME OF SHOWING UP LATE FOR WORK
THEN, AT THE STAFF MEETING, HE TOSSED A PAPERCLIP AT ME BECAUSE HE THOUGHT I WAS DAYDREAMING!
OMIGOODNESS!
THAT'S TERRIBLE, HONEY!
I KNOW, HE ALSO BLAMED ME BECAUSE AN IMPORTANT CONTRACT WAS EMAILED TO THE WRONG CLIENT
ON TOP OF EVERYTHING ELSE, HE SUSPECTED ME OF PLAYING ONLINE BLACKJACK ON MY OFFICE COMPUTER!
REALLY?!!
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DID YOU TELL HIM THAT HE WAS WRONG ABOUT ALL THOSE THINGS, DEAR?
NOPE! ACTUALLY, HE WAS RIGHT ON THE MONEY
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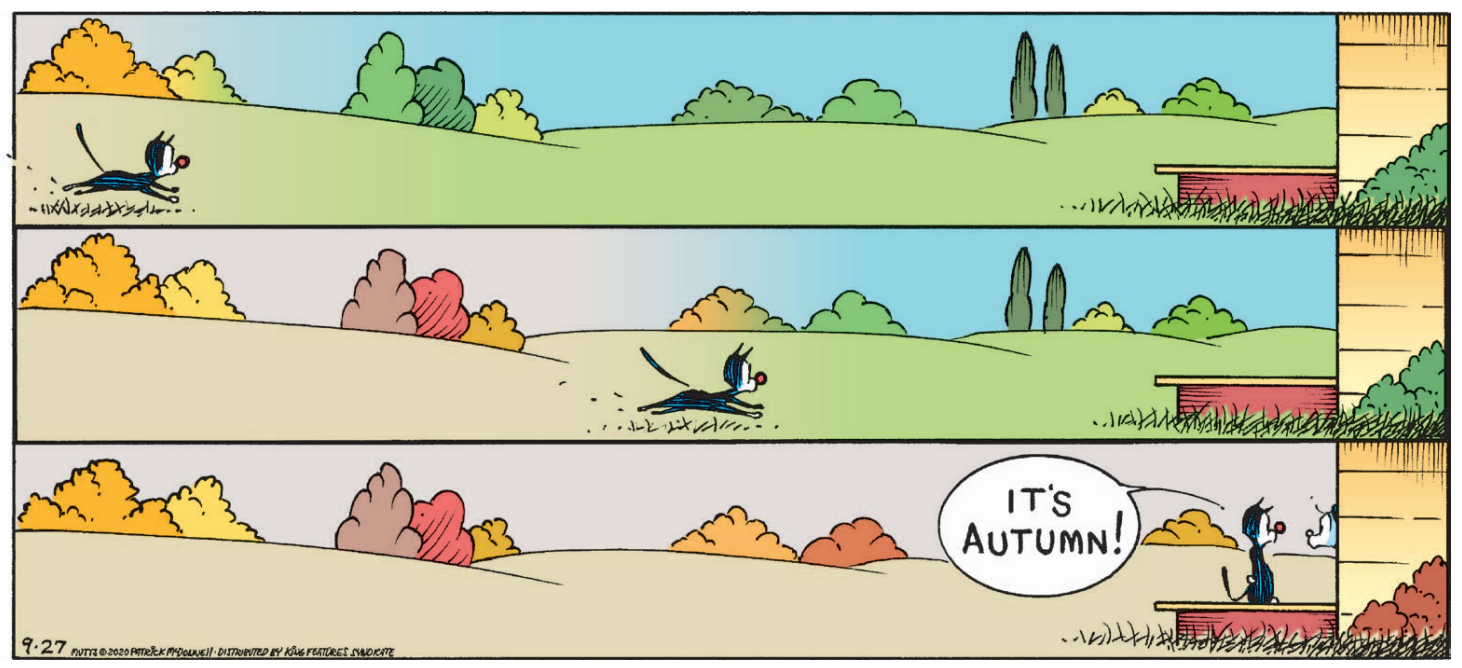
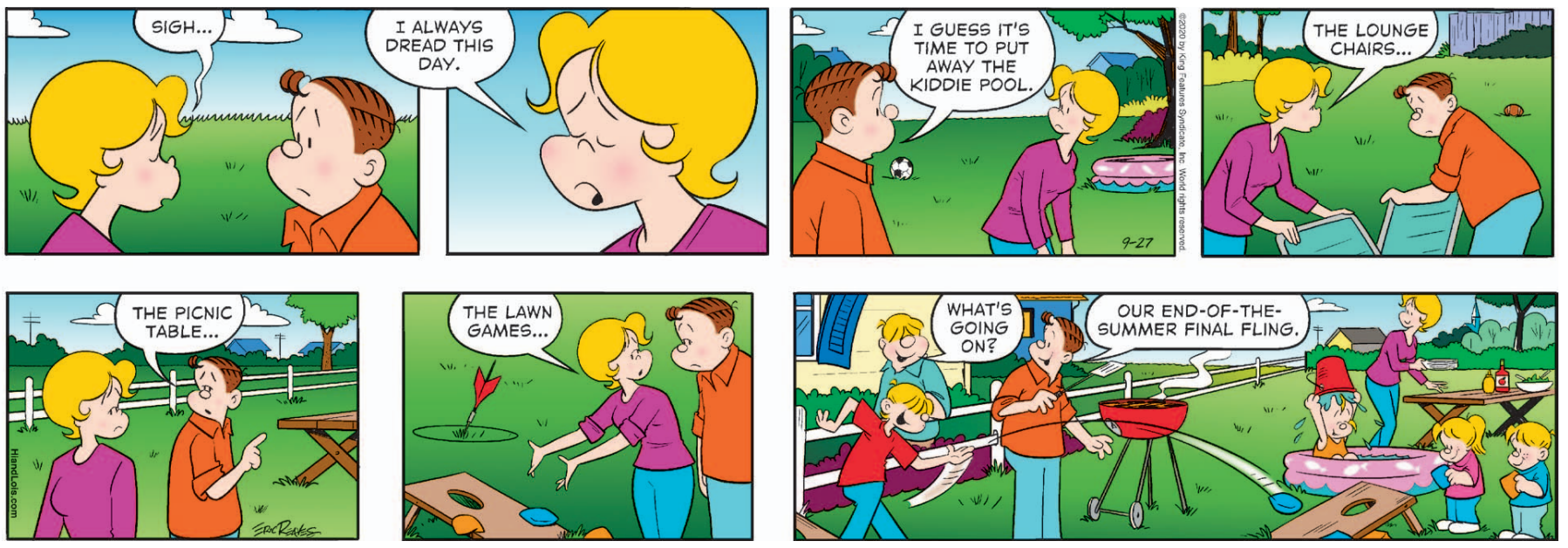
MUTTS

Patrick McDonnell



Hi and Lois

by BRIAN and GREG WALKER


SIGH...
I ALWAYS DREAD THIS DAY.
I GUESS IT'S TIME TO PUT AWAY THE KIDDIE POOL.
THE LOUNGE CHAIRS...
THE PICNIC TABLE...
THE LAWN GAMES...
WHAT'S GOING ON?
OUR END-OF-THE-SUMMER FINAL FLING.
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The FAMILY CIRCUS®

By Bil Keane

I'VE JUST BEEN NAMED "WORLD'S MOST OVERWORKED GUARDIAN ANGEL"!
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JEFF and BIL KEANE
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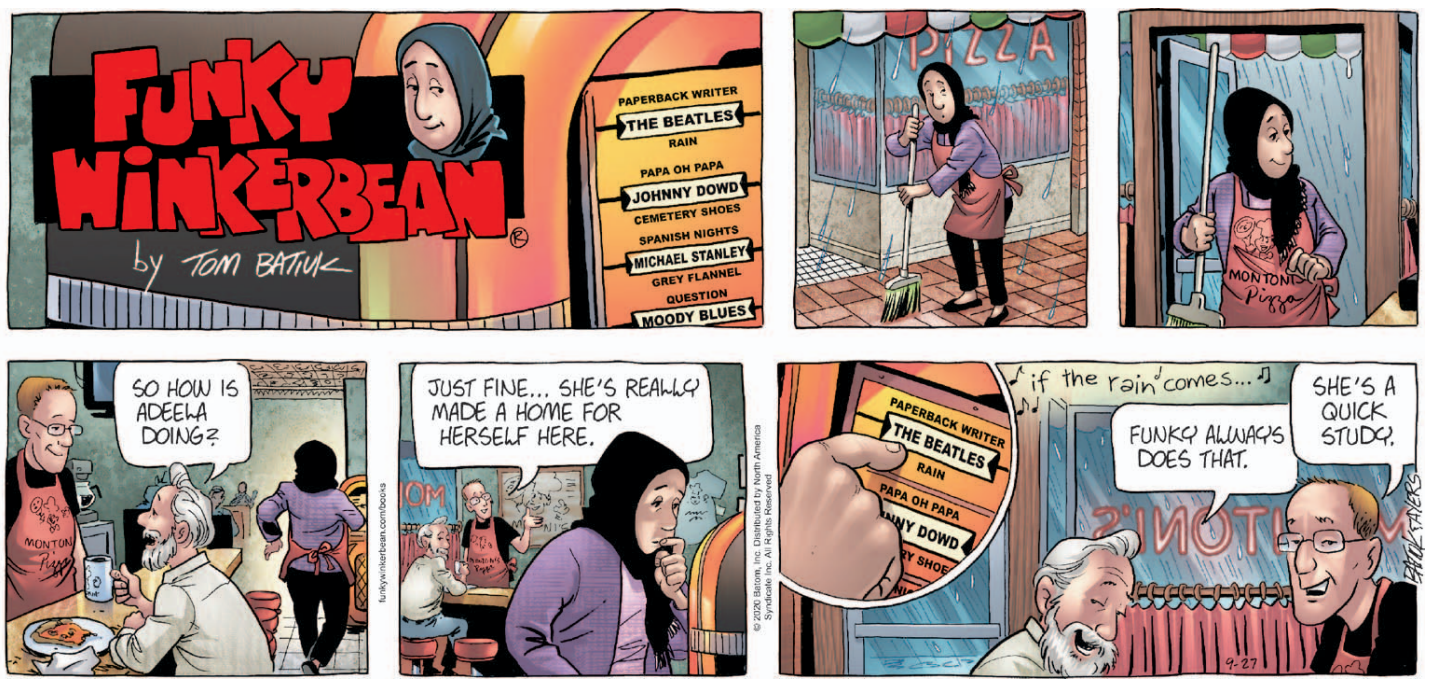
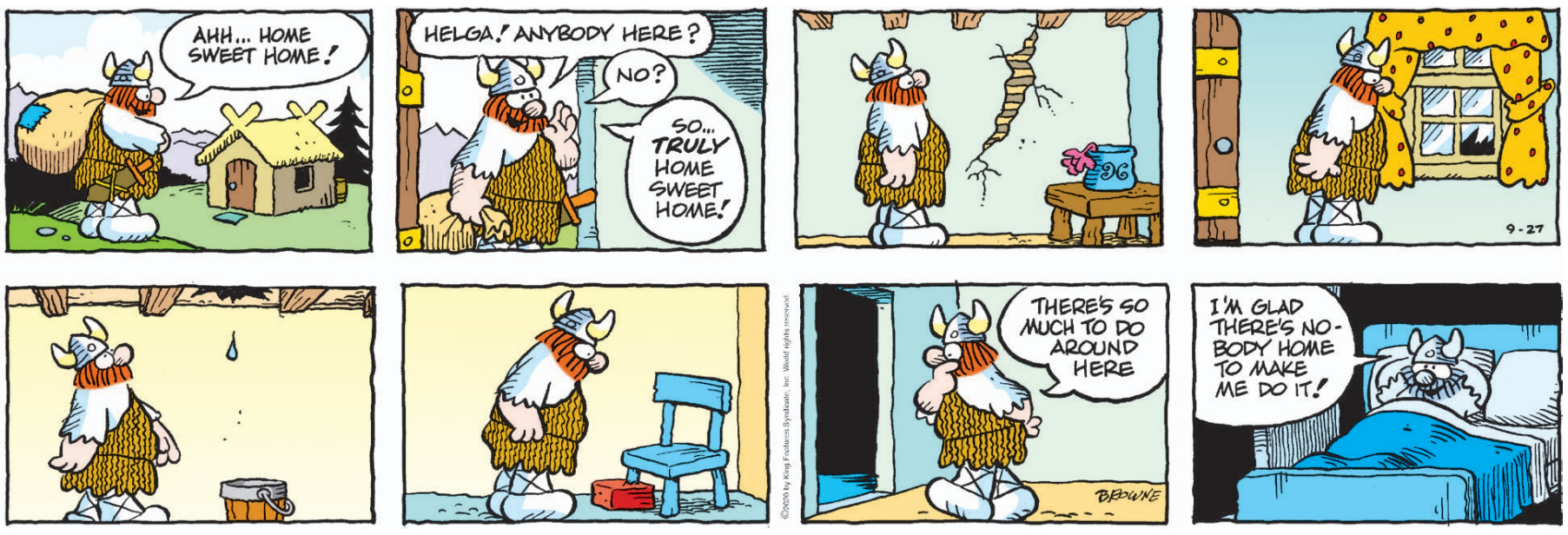
FUNKY WINKERBEAN®

by TOM BATIUK



HAGAR the horrible

by DIK BROWNE


AHH... HOME SWEET HOME!
HELGA! ANYBODY HERE?
NO?
SO... TRULY HOME SWEET HOME!
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THERE'S SO MUCH TO DO AROUND HERE
I'M GLAD THERE'S NO-BODY HOME TO MAKE ME DO IT!
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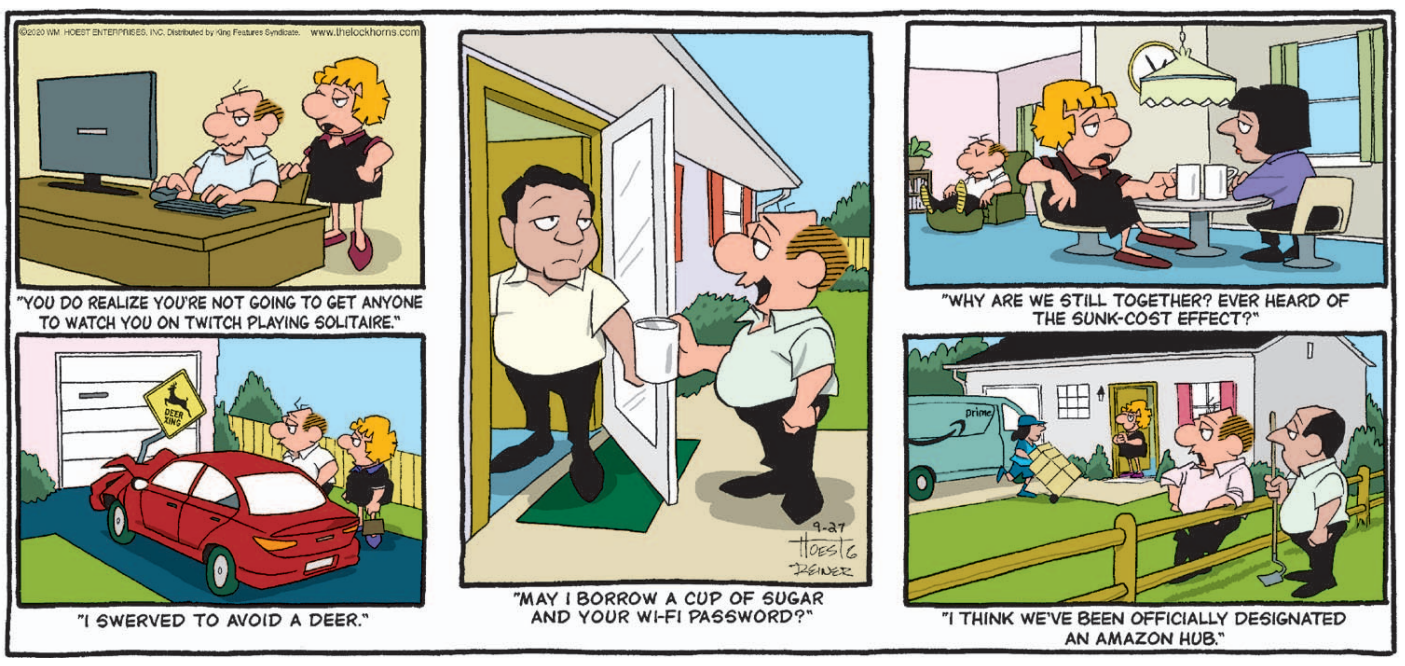
THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER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"YOU DO REALIZE YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET ANYONE TO WATCH YOU ON TWITCH PLAYING SOLITAIRE."
DEER XING
"I SWERVED TO AVOID A DEER."
"MAY I BORROW A CUP OF SUGAR AND YOUR WI-FI PASSWORD?"
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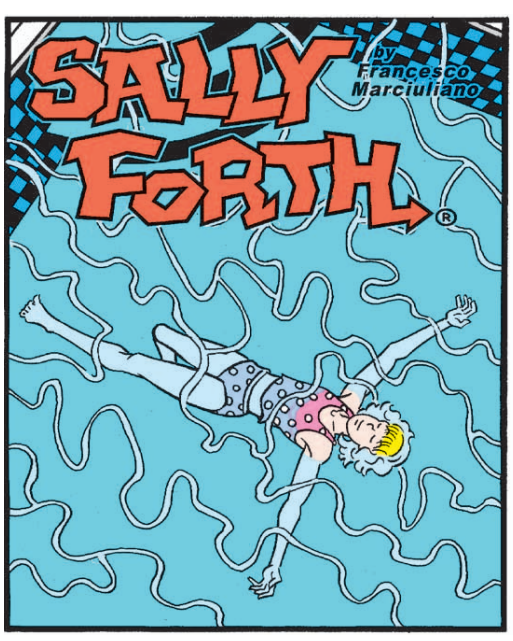
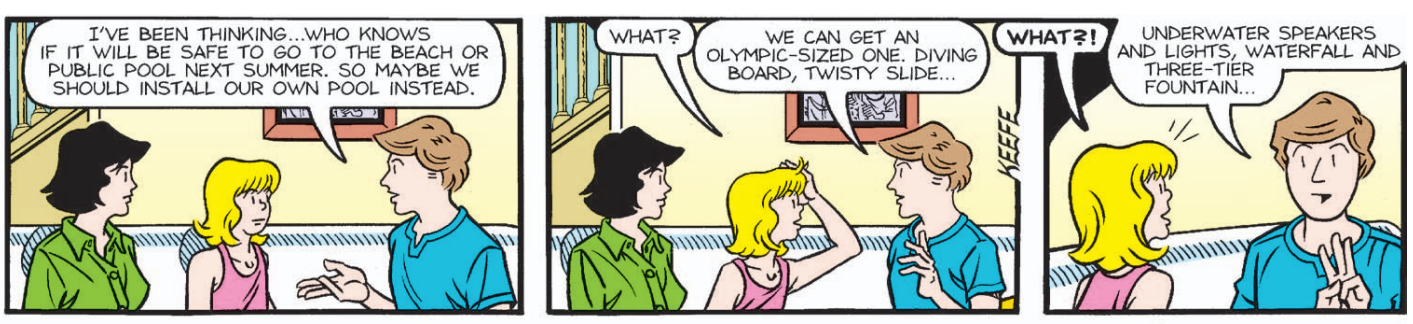
HOEST
REINER
"WHY ARE WE STILL TOGETHER? EVER HEARD OF THE SUNK-COST EFFECT?"
Prime
"I THINK WE'VE BEEN OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED AN AMAZON HUB."

SALLY FORTH®

by Francesco Marciuliano




I'VE BEEN THINKING...WHO KNOWS IF IT WILL BE SAFE TO GO TO THE BEACH OR PUBLIC POOL NEXT SUMMER. SO MAYBE WE SHOULD INSTALL OUR OWN POOL INSTEAD.
WHAT?
WE CAN GET AN OLYMPIC-SIZED ONE. DIVING BOARD, TWISTY SLIDE...
KEEFE
WHAT?!
UNDERWATER SPEAKERS AND LIGHTS, WATERFALL AND THREE-TIER FOUNTAIN...
WHAT?!
FLOATING LOUNGE CHAIRS, FLOATING UNICORN RAFTS, FLOATING VOLLEYBALL NETS...
WHAT?!
HIL, ARE YOU OKAY? YOU JUST KEEP SCREAMING "WHAT?!"
WHAT?! I MEAN, I'M JUST SO HAPPY WE'RE GETTING A POOL!
OH, WE IMMEDIATELY DECIDED AGAINST THAT LIKE 40 MINUTES AGO. NOW WE'RE TALKING ABOUT CAULKING!
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ZITS

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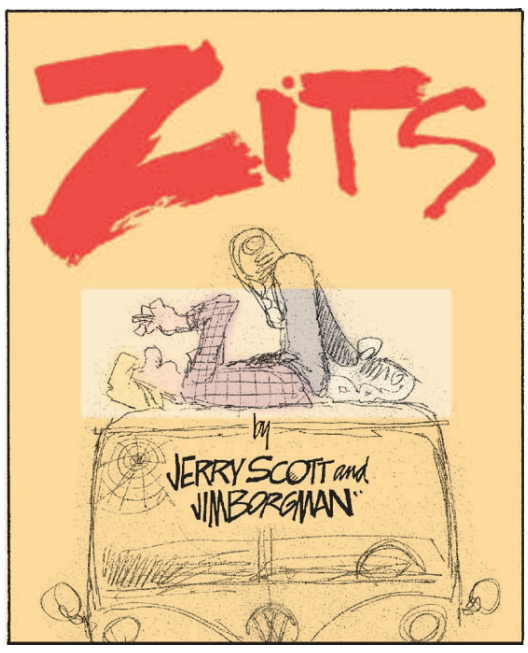

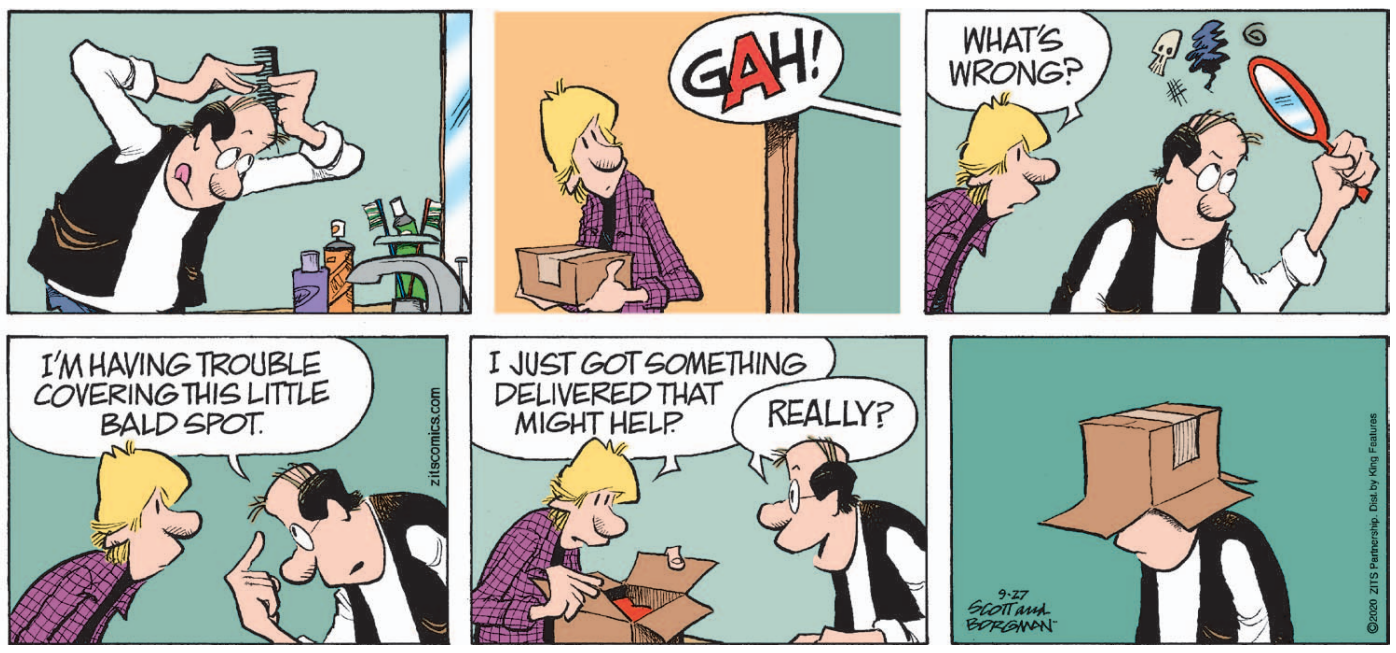

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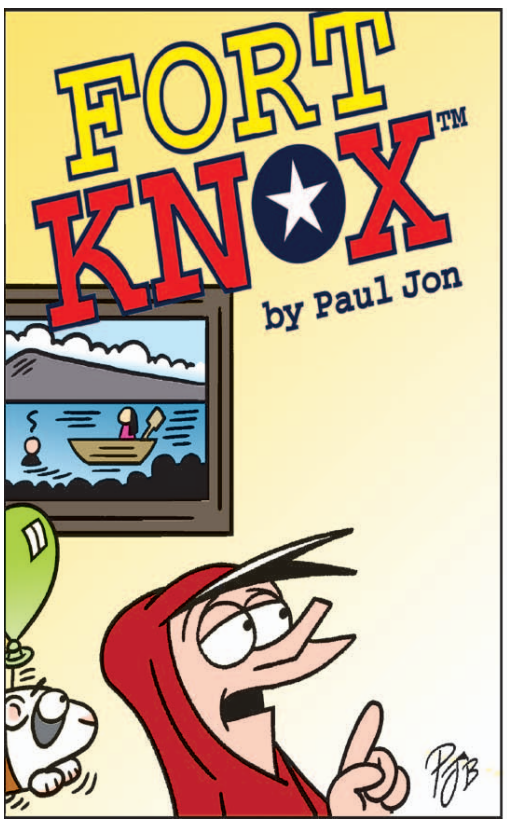

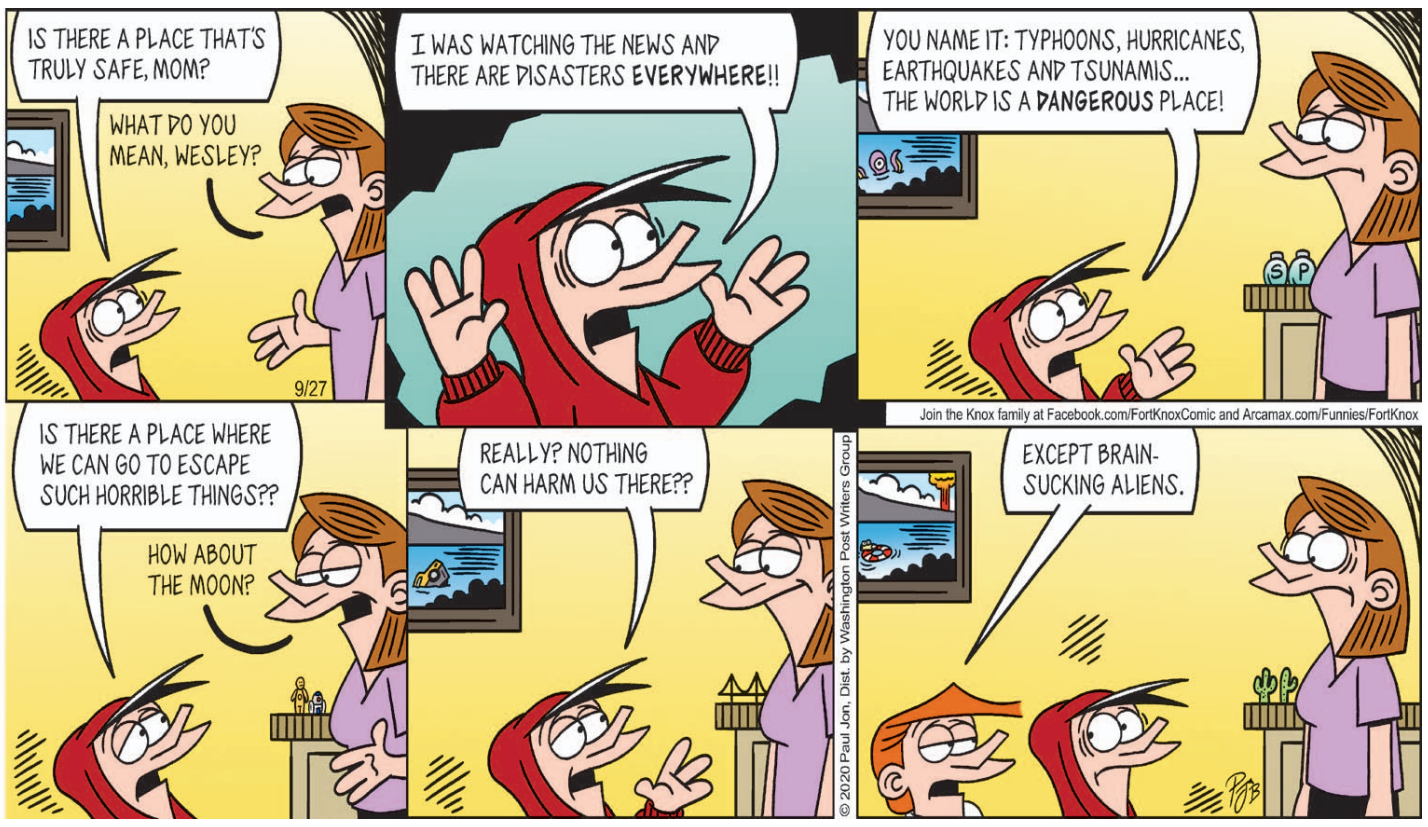
IS THERE A PLACE THAT'S TRULY SAFE, MOM?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, WESLEY?
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I WAS WATCHING THE NEWS AND THERE ARE DISASTERS EVERYWHERE!!
YOU NAME IT: TYPHOONS, HURRICANES, EARTHQUAKES AND TSUNAMIS... THE WORLD IS A DANGEROUS PLACE!
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IS THERE A PLACE WHERE WE CAN GO TO ESCAPE SUCH HORRIBLE THINGS??
HOW ABOUT THE MOON?
REALLY? NOTHING CAN HARM US THERE??
EXCEPT BRAIN-SUCKING ALIENS.
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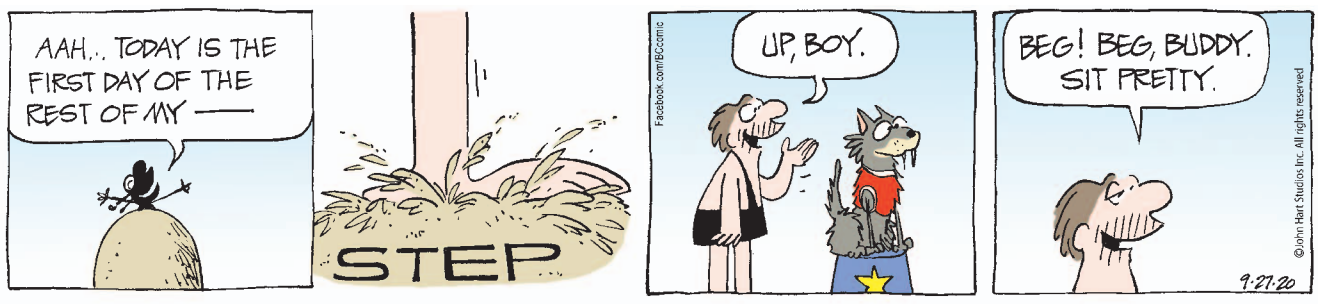

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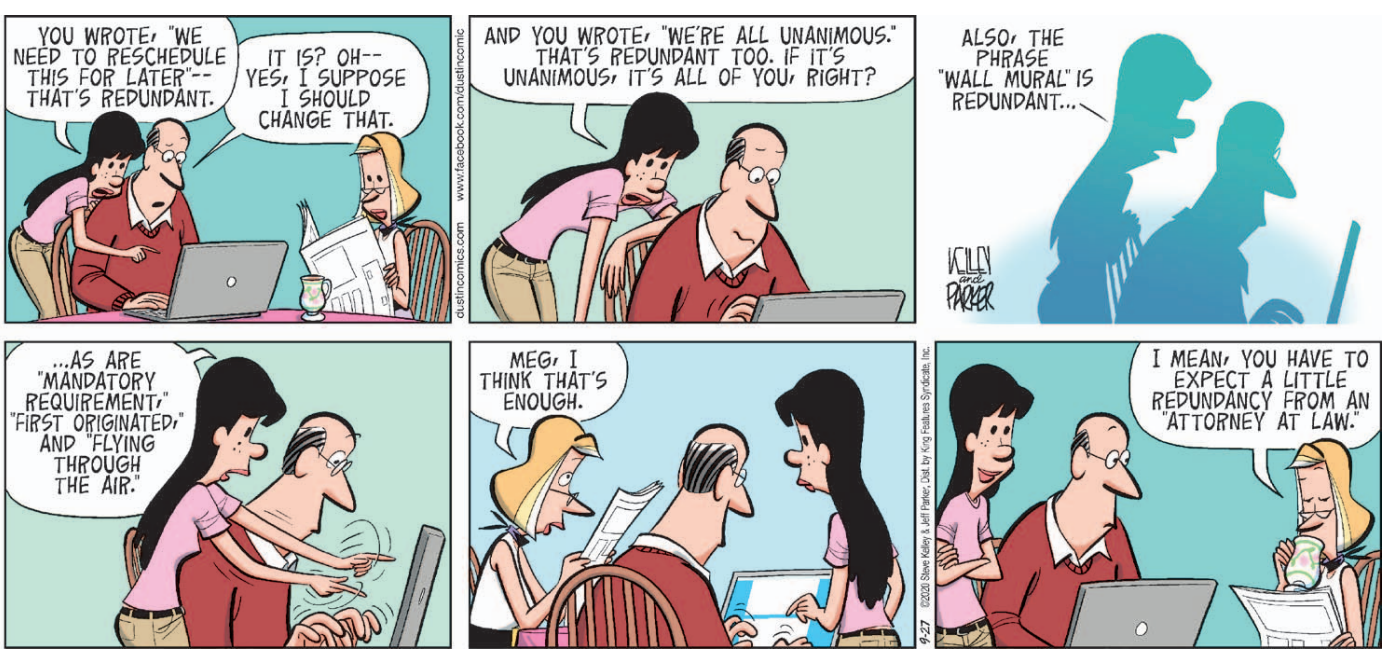
YOU WROTE, "WE NEED TO RESCHEDULE THIS FOR LATER"-- THAT'S REDUNDANT.
IT IS? OH-- YES, I SUPPOSE I SHOULD CHANGE THAT.
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AND YOU WROTE, "WE'RE ALL UNANIMOUS." THAT'S REDUNDANT TOO. IF IT'S UNANIMOUS, IT'S ALL OF YOU, RIGHT?
ALSO, THE PHRASE "WALL MURAL" IS REDUNDANT...
KELLY and PARKER
...AS ARE "MANDATORY REQUIREMENT," "FIRST ORIGINATED," AND "FLYING THROUGH THE AIR."
MEG, I THINK THAT'S ENOUGH.
I MEAN, YOU HAVE TO EXPECT A LITTLE REDUNDANCY FROM AN "ATTORNEY AT LAW."
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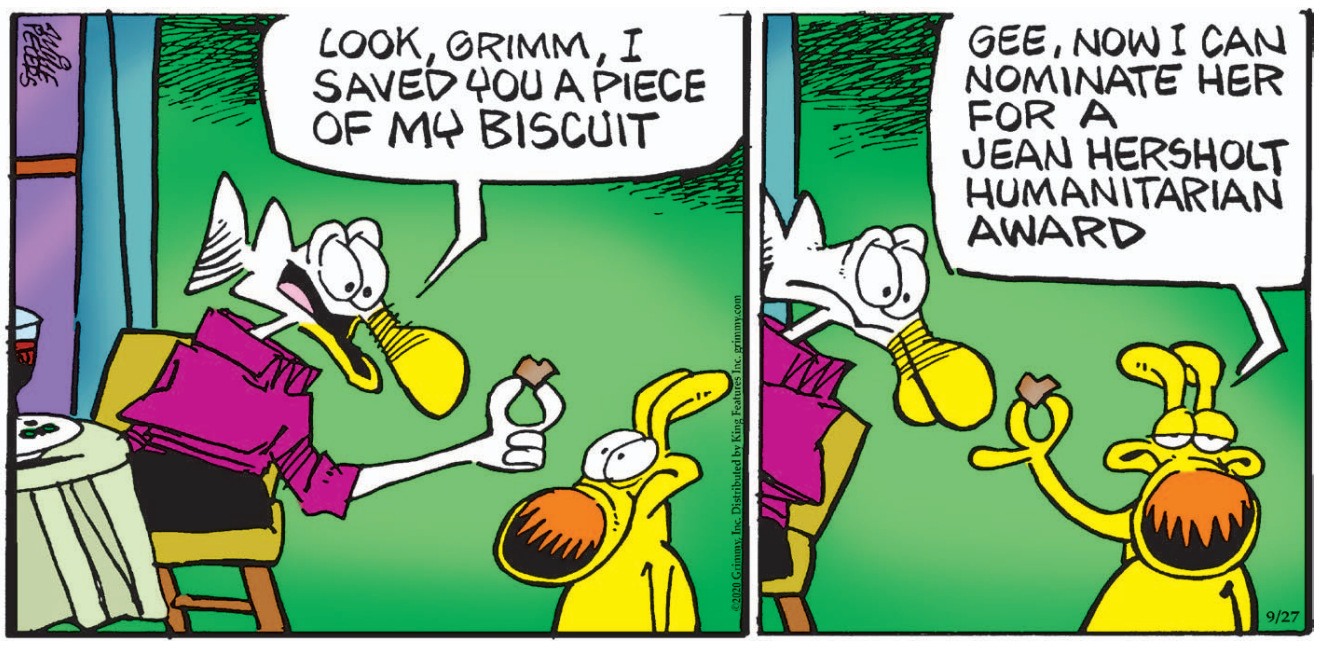
Mother Goose & Grimm


LOOK, GRIMM, I SAVED YOU A PIECE OF MY BISCUIT
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GEE, NOW I CAN NOMINATE HER FOR A JEAN HERSHOLT HUMANITARIAN AWARD
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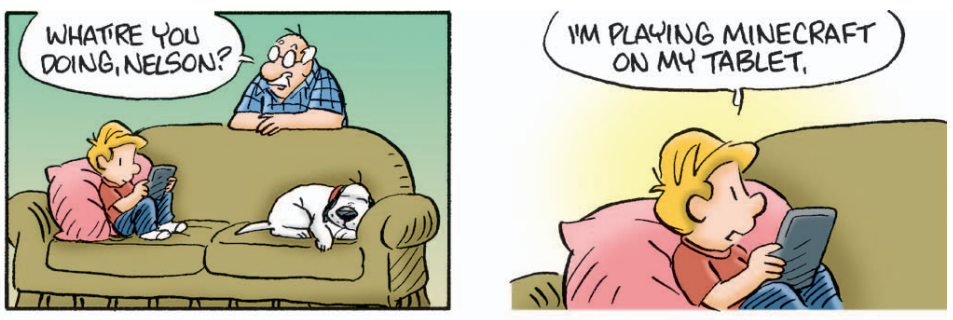
PICKLES

by Brian Crane


WHAT'RE YOU DOING, NELSON?
I'M PLAYING MINECRAFT ON MY TABLET.
WHEN I WAS A KID WE HAD TO USE OUR IMAGINATION TO ENTERTAIN OURSELVES.
SOMETIMES I'D PLAY ALL DAY WITH JUST A BLOCK OF WOOD I FOUND IN THE YARD.
I'D PRETEND IT WAS A BIG WOODEN THINGY.
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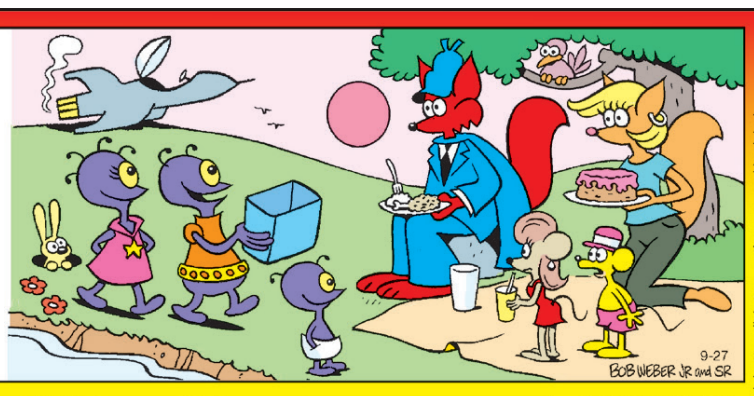
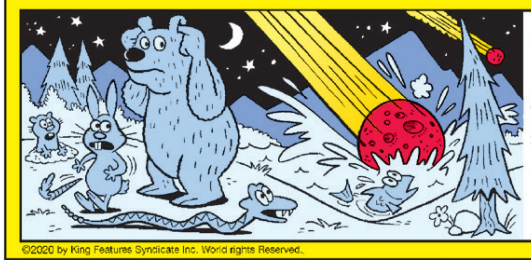
I NEVER HAD A VERY GOOD IMAGINATION.

Bob Weber Jr.'s Slylock Fox and Comics For Kids

A spacefaring family of aliens have landed on Earth to replenish their fuel supply. The spaceship uses a propellant that can exist in gas, liquid or solid states. What is found on Earth and throughout the universe that Slylock will suggest they collect?

Solution -- Slylock will suggest they collect water, which can exist in gas, liquid and solid states.





True or False

1) Earth is bombarded with millions of tons of space material every day.
2) A meteroid is smaller than an asteroid.
3) Meteoroids are ejected from the sun.

Answer -- 1) True. 2) True. 3) False. Meteoroids come from comet debris and asteroid collisions.

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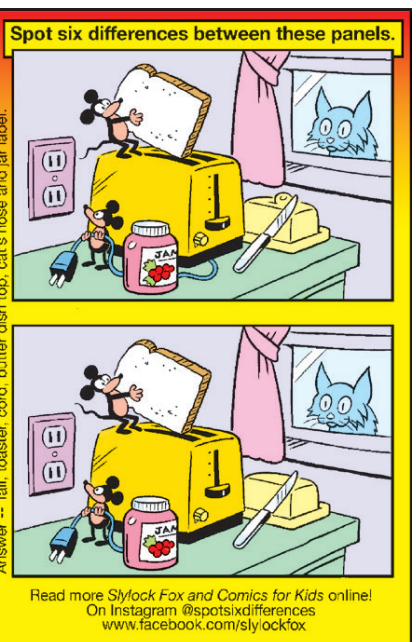
Spot six differences between these panels.



Answer -- Tail, toaster cord, butter dish top, cat's nose and jar label.

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